

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

Town of West Stockbridge



For the Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 2017

Annual Town Meeting Date: May 7, 2018

Annual Town Elections Date: May 14, 2018

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- Annual Elections will be held on May 14, 2018 at the Village School beginning at 10:00 AM
- Annual Town Meeting will be held on May 7, 2018 at the Village School beginning at 7:00 PM

**Annual Report
of the Officers of the
Town of West Stockbridge,
Berkshire County
Massachusetts
for the year ending June 30, 2017**

General Information

Tax Rate (per \$1,000 valuation)	\$12.48
Total Valuation	\$372,100,903
Residential	\$347,756,976
Personal Property	\$9,618,368
Commercial	\$12,415,859
Industrial	\$2,309,700
Total Tax Levy	\$4,643,819
Town first settled	1724
Town Incorporated	1774
Land Area	18.48 sq. mi.
Road Mileage	22.5 (paved) 12.5 (unpaved)
Elevation at Town Hall	925 ft.
Population (<i>U.S. Census, 2010</i>)	1,306
Population Density (<i>U.S. Census, 2010</i>)	70.7 per sq. mi.

West Stockbridge Weather

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Avg. High	31°	35°	44°	57°	70°	77°	81°	78°	71°	61°	48°	35°
Avg. Low	11°	14°	22°	32°	42°	51°	56°	55°	47°	37°	28°	17°
Mean	21°	24°	34°	45°	56°	64°	68°	67°	60°	48°	38°	27°
Avg. Precip.	2.9 in	2.8 in	3.3 in	3.8 in	4.3 in	3.9 in	3.9 in	4.4 in	3.5 in	3.4 in	3.8 in	3.5 in

Degrees in Fahrenheit

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Town Directory

All Town Office, Board, Committee, and Commission meetings are posted on the Town Hall Bulletin Board and are on file in the office of the Town Clerk. Town Board meeting agendas and minutes are available on the Town's website: weststockbridge-ma.gov

The Town Hall's phone number is: 413-232-0300. Town Hall Office extensions are listed below:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Telephone Number, or Extension</u>
Board of Selectmen	319
Administrative Assistant	319
Town Clerk	300
Town Collector	302
Treasurer	316
Building Inspector	313
Board of Assessors	303
Board of Health	314
Council on Aging	340
Library	308
Conservation Commission	300
Fire Dept. (non-emergency/business)	232-4200
Police Department	232-8500
Highway Department	232-0305
Transfer Station	232-0307
Waste Water Treatment Plant	232-0309
Animal Control Officer	232-7038

Fax Numbers

Board of Selectmen	232-7195
Town Offices	232-7195
Police Department	232-7938
Highway Department	232-0323
Fire Department	232-4127

EMERGENCY (POLICE, FIRE, EMT)

	911
Post Office	232-8544
Charter Communications (Cable TV provider)	1-800-827-8288
Charter (cable service problems)	508-853-1515
Congregational Church	232-4256
St. Patrick's Church	232-4427
Berkshire Hills Regional School District	
Administration	298-4017
Monument Mt. High School	528-3346
Monument Valley Middle School	644-2300
Muddy Brook Elementary School	644-2350

Siren Codes

1 long blast or repeated long blast at 6:45 AM - General Assembly

3 long blasts at 12 noon, Saturdays - Test Signal

3 long blasts any other time - Fire or medical emergency received

4 long blasts - Fire or emergency received at the Fire Station 3 long blasts at 6:45AM,

Monday through Friday - No School

Elected Town Officers

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term / Expires</u>
Selectmen	Curt Wilton	3 yr. 2018
	Peter Skorput	3 yr. 2019
	Bernie Fallon	3 yr. 2020
Moderator	Eugene A. Dellea	1 yr. 2018
Town Clerk	Ronni Barrett	3 yr. 2019
Town Collector	June Biggs	3 yr. 2019
Board of Assessors	Ed Sporn	3 yr. 2019
	Michelle Jenny	3 yr. 2020
	Susan Lupo	3 yr. 2018
Finance Committee	Gary Schieneman	3 yr. 2018
	William Kie	3 yr. 2018
	Michael Skorput	3 yr. 2019
	Andrew Krauss	3 yr. 2020
	Robert Salerno	3 yr. 2020
Planning Board	Abe Hunrichs	5 yr. 2021
	Dana Bixby	5 yr. 2020
	Jon Piasecki	5 yr. 2022
	Sarah Thorne	5 yr. 2018
	Andrew Fudge	5 yr. 2019
Board of Health	Lucy Leonard	3 yr. 2018
	Earl Moffatt	3 yr. 2020
	Scot Sawyer	3 yr. 2019
Library Trustees	Sue Coxon	3 yr. 2018
	Barbara Dowling	3 yr. 2020
	Catherine Nihart	3 yr. 2019
Cemetery Commission	Earl Moffatt	3 yr. 2018
	Marion Loring	3 yr. 2019
	Scott Sawyer	3 yr. 2020
Andrew Fudge	James Hallock	3 yr. 2020

Elected Town Officers (cont.)

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term / Expires</u>
Constables	William Cooper	3 yr. 2020
	Michael Skorput	3 yr. 2020
	Paul Faggioni	3 yr. 2020
	Karl G. Cooper	3 yr. 2020
	Vacant	3 yr. 2020

Appointed Town Officers

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term / Expires</u>
Administrative Assistant	Mark Webber	3 yr. 2018
Town Accountant	Elaine Markham	1 yr. 2018
Town Council	Kopelman & Paige	1 yr. 2018
Town Treasurer	Karen Williams	3 yr. 2019
Conservation Commission	Cathy Nihart	3 yr. 2018
	Robert Gunnels	3 yr. 2019
	Jennifer Kurjowski	3 yr. 2019
	Lori Rose	3 yr. 2018
	John Masiero, Jr.	3 yr. 2020
	Mary McClelland	3 yr. 2019
	Sue Coxon	3 yr. 2019
Conservation Commission		
Associate Member	vacant	1 yr. 2018
Deputy Collector	Arthur Jones	1 yr. 2018
Official Weighers	Peter Naventi	1 yr. 2018
	Marc Portieri	1 yr. 2018
	Faith Libardi	1 yr. 2018
	American Legion Post 254	1 yr. 2018
	Michael Skorput	1 yr. 2018
Veteran's Grave Officer	Laura Hils	1 yr. 2018
Veteran's Agent	Ronni Barrett	1 yr. 2018
Parking Clerk/Hearings Officer	John W. Springstube	1 yr. 2018
Animal Control Officer	Stephen Green	5 yr. 2020
	C. Randolph Thunfors	5 yr. 2020
	Joseph G. Roy, Jr.	5 yr. 2022
	Jack Houghton	5 yr. 2018
	James Pinkston IV	5 yr. 2019
Zoning Board of Appeals		
ZBA Alternates	Vacant	1 yr. 2018
	Elizabeth DiGrigoli	1 yr. 2018
Building Commissioner	Brian Duval	1 yr. 2018
Zoning Enforcement Officer	Brian Duval	1 yr. 2018
Board of Registrars	Ronni Barrett	3 yr. 2018
	Jacqueline Moffatt	3 yr. 2019
	Marge Powell	3 yr. 2020
Youth Services	Parks and Recreation Comm.	1 yr. 2018

Appointed Town Officers (cont.)

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term / Expires</u>
Emergency Mgt. Director	Louis Oggiani	1 yr. 2018
Consultant to Veterans Agent	Michael Skorput	1 yr. 2018
Right to Know Officer	Peter Skorput	1 yr. 2018
Chief of Police	Marc Portieri	3 yr. 2019
Fire Chief	Peter Skorput	3 yr. 2016
ADA Coordinator	Brian Duval	1 yr. 2018
Field Driver	Board of Selectmen	1 yr. 2018
Fence Viewer	Board of Selectmen	1 yr. 2018
Parks and Recreation	Gina Dudley	1 yr. 2018
	Roland Dudley	1 yr. 2018
	Anthony Voudren	1 yr. 2018
	Paula Farrell	1 yr. 2018
	Caitlin Graham	1 yr. 2018
	Nora Calautti	1 yr. 2018
Animal Inspector	John W. Springstube	1 yr. 2018
Cable TV Commission	Bill Barth	1 yr. 2018
	Doane Perry	1 yr. 2018
	Vacant	1 yr. 2018
Arts Lottery Council	Marshall Fisher	6 yr. 2022
	Jacqueline Moffatt	6 yr. 2022
	Margaret Skaggs	6 yr. 2022
	Marjorie Powell	6 yr. 2020
	Peter Thorne	6 yr. 2022
	Ellen Greer	6 yr. 2023
Oil Burner Inspector	Larry Morse	1 yr. 2018
Gas Inspector	Robert Gennari	1 yr. 2018
Capital Planning Committee	Finance Committee	1 yr. 2018
Investment Committee	Finance Committee	1 yr. 2018
Town Historian	Robert Salerno	1 yr. 2018
Historical Commission	Robert Salerno	1 yr. 2018
	Patricia Soldati	1 yr. 2018
	Earl Moffatt	1 yr. 2018
	Scott Sawyer	1 yr. 2018
Chief Procurement Officer	Mark Webber	1 yr. 2018
Plumbing Inspector	Robert Gennari	1 yr. 2018

Appointed Town Officers (cont.)

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term / Expires</u>
Asst. Plumbing Inspector	Bob Krupski	1 yr. 2018
Sewer and Water Commission	Mark Webber	1 yr. 2018
	Vacant	1 yr. 2018
	Marion Loring	1 yr. 2018
	Elizabeth DiGrigoli	1 yr. 2018
	Earl Moffatt	1 yr. 2018
Council on Aging	John Zick, Chair	5 yr. 2020
	Irene B. Norton	5 yr. 2021
	Donald McClelland	5 yr. 2019
	Paula Farrell	5 yr. 2019
	Brian Steranka	5 yr. 2018
	Les Losaw	5 yr. 2021
	Marge Kilmer	5 yr. 2022
Berkshire Reg. Planning Comm.	Sarah Thorne	1 yr. 2018
Wiring Inspector	Karl G. Cooper	1 yr. 2018
Assistant Wiring Inspector	Doug Wilber	1 yr. 2018
Assessor's Clerk	Mary Stodden	1 yr. 2018
Smoke / Fire Alarm Inspector	Peter Skorput	1 yr. 2018
Health Agent	Earl Moffatt	1 yr. 2018
Agriculture Commission	Russell Fadding	3 yr. 2018
	Marc Fadding	3 yr. 2018
	Victor Stannard, Sr.	2 yr. 2018
	John Springstube	2 yr. 2018
	Donald Wood	3 yr. 2018
Agriculture Commission Alternates	Peter Negrini	1 yr. 2018
	Curt Wilton	1 yr. 2018

Annual Report of the Board of Selectmen

To the Residents of West Stockbridge:

FY 2019 Budget:

- The proposed Fiscal Year 2019 budget reflects a raise and appropriate increase of 1.8% over the current year.
- A healthy free cash position allows for voter consideration of several one-time purchases and maintenance/improvement projects including: repairs to the Fire Station/Highway Garage; construction of a 'Swap Shop' at the transfer station; purchase of a new police cruiser; purchase of land along Moscow Road and; supplemental Town roads funding.

FY 2019 Reserves:

- Conservative fiscal policy and increased outside revenues in recent years are reflected in the strengthening of the Town's reserves. Following this year's Annual Town Meeting, the following balances show the approximate base of each reserve category going forward:
- Stabilization Fund - \$387,000
- Capital Stabilization Fund - \$110,000
- Free Cash – \$208,000
- Water Fund Retained Earnings - \$62,000
- Sewer Fund Retained Earnings - \$97,000

Recent Activities:

- This past year saw a number of significant positive developments and improvements, including:
- 100% high speed broadband coverage is now available to every home in West Stockbridge. We are proud to be the 1st rural community in the Commonwealth to have full coverage. Best of all, these upgrades and system expansion cost the Town absolutely nothing. Negotiations with the Massachusetts Broadband Institute and Charter/Spectrum provided for third party funding of the entire project.
- Capping of the Old Town Landfill. Because of the initiative and deal making of Highway Superintendent Curt Wilton, the Town's discontinued landfill off of Oak Street is now fully capped and graded utilizing approved clean fill from the Interchange 1 improvements project. Once again, this project cost the Town nothing which would have cost in excess of \$40,000. Furthermore, the completed project has been inspected and fully blessed by the Department of Environmental Protection.
- Local Access TV. Through the efforts of our volunteer Cable Commission, we have purchased and are scheduling the installation of video equipment to provide the taping

and broadcast of Town Board meetings and other events. This has been a long time coming and we appreciate the work of the Commission.

As a reminder, the Selectmen meet Monday evenings at the Village School/Town Offices complex and we encourage participation, recommendations and interaction. We ask that you contact our administrator's office at 232-0300 if you wish to have a discussion item placed on an upcoming agenda.

A deserving and special thanks goes out to retiring Selectman Curt Wilton. Curt's recent tenure on the Board has shown him to be engaged, thoughtful, reasonable, personable and professional. Curt's passion for his hometown is obvious and is greatly appreciated. Don't worry though, he's staying put as your Highway Superintendent for a number of years to come.

In closing, we wish to thank our fellow elected and appointed officials along with the many volunteers who contribute their time and knowledge towards the benefit of all. Please accept our appreciation for all you do.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Skorput, Chair



Governor Baker visits Town to celebrate Mass Broadband Institute funding for full high-speed coverage.

Town Clerk's Office Annual Report

For the period March 2017 to March 2018:

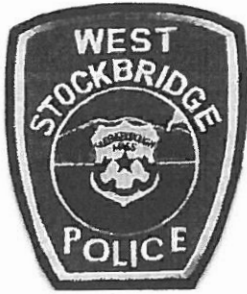
Births	4
Marriages	5
Deaths	10

Election- wise, this was a quiet year with only our Annual Town election in May. Looking ahead to 2018, there is a State primary and election coming. There are 1170 registered voters in town and with the options of Absentee voting and Early voting, hopefully more citizens will be able to cast a ballot for the State offices.

Last year over 140 dog licenses were issued. The census and dog license renewals are in the mail. Thank you for responding quickly.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronni Barrett
Town Clerk





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WEST STOCKBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017

The West Stockbridge Police Department has taken great strides in my first full year as the Police Chief. I have encouraged my Officers to be more visible on patrol and foot patrols. We are now able to schedule around the clock coverage for our community. As I am still getting to know the town and its people, I felt that we are getting a better working relationship.

Officer Jake Stringer will be attending the Full Time MSP Police Academy on April 2, 2018 and graduating in August of 2018. Officer Stringer has shown the respect and tools that are needed to fit in to our department and community. Officer Camron Forest who graduated from the Full Time Academy in December of 2017, has decided to move on to another community. This has created a void within the Police Department but our dedicated Part Time Police Officers have picked up the slack nicely. I am very confident that we can keep building the department with the graduation of Officer Stringer and a few new Officers we will be able to give the community what they deserve.

This year the West Stockbridge Police and A-List Luxury Services started "The Helping Hands Project". The West Stockbridge Police Association put up funds and Mike Strazzulla from A-List matched it. We were able to give 5 Families who were in need a great Christmas. These Families were given meals from the Public Market and presents that were handed to them by Santa (Thanks Pete). A big thank you to all that were involved. This year we are hoping to make it bigger. Our department also donated and participated in many town events.

West Stockbridge Police Officers have continued to educate the public on speeding and parking issues. Our call volume has slightly increased over 3,600 of service which includes various calls. The increase in call volume comes from our officers doing more patrol which leads to more calls like suspicious vehicles, suspicious people, house checks, motor vehicle stops, and patrol. With the increased patrol our Arrests and Criminal Complaints have increased along with our Motor Vehicle Citations.

Town Residents can apply for LTC / FID Permits on Tuesday and Thursday from 4-7 and 9-3 on Sunday. You may also call the department and make an appointment. Please feel free to stop in or contact the Police Department with any questions or concerns.

The West Stockbridge Police Department would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Fire Department, Highway Department, Town Hall Employees, Library Staff and all the Boards and committees for their help and support and most importantly the resident of West Stockbridge for their continued support.

Respectfully,

Marc J. Portieri

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Police Chief.



Annual Report of The West Stockbridge Fire Department

This year calls are up from 127 last year to 143 this year with Medical Calls at 69. We are still looking for daytime help for EMS and Fire.

The Department will be celebrating 90 years on April 11 an event is being planned with the Historical Society this summer.

I would like to welcome five new members to the department. Christopher Kilmer, Eric Shimelonis, Jeremy Knox, Dan Breton and Richard Trudcau.

Members

Peter Skorput Chief	Larry Morse Asst. Chief
Les Losaw FF.	George Allen FF
Bill Cooper FF	Matt McMahon FF
Matt Rider FF	Sara Avery FF EMT
Christopher Kilmer FF	Shaun Dewitt FF
Billy Filaault FF	Eric Shimelonis FF
Jeremy Knox FF	Dan Breton FF
Richard Trudcau FF	

Calls for 2017

Medical 69	Motor Vehicle Accidents 15
Structure Fires 3	CO Alarms 9
Smoke Alarms 20	Asst. Disabled person 5
Chimney Fires 3	Mutual Aid 3
Overdose 1	Unattended Fire 1

Medical Alarm 2	Propane Leak 2
Brush Fire 1	Hazmat Call 1
Water Leak 1	Furnace Blowback 1
Motor Vehicle Fire 1	Pool Heater Fire 1
Welfare Check 1	Tree on Wires 1
Smoke Detector Activation 1	Power Wheel Chair stuck 1
False Call 1	

Total 143

Respectfully Submitted
Peter Skorput
Fire Chief

WEST STOCKBRIDGE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FY 2017

Residential Permits:

Alterations	29
Accessory Structures	2
Decks	3
Selective Demolition	3
Flue Liners	1
Foundation Only	1
Insulation	5
New Single Family	3
Pool/ Barrier	3
Roofing	13
Sheet Metal	1
Siding	1
Solar	11
Solid Fuel Appliances	3
Window/Door Replacement	9
Tents	1

Commercial Permits:

Alterations	3
Roofing	2
Tents	1
Solar	1
Accessory Structure	1
Windows	1
Fire Protection	1

Total Permit Fees collected = \$34,361.06

Report of the Highway Department

Greetings to all the residents and fellow Taxpayers of West Stockbridge;

The crew and I would like to first take this opportunity to personally thank all of you for your positive outlook and heartfelt compliments given to the department over the years. We are a dedicated department who truly believe in the genuine definition of Public Service. We are committed to the concerns of all the residents and are stringent in all budget matters.

This report reflects a financial breakdown, along with some key accomplishments performed by your Highway Department. Beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017.

The primary responsibility of the Highway Department is to maintain your Town's Roads and Bridges. With 7 bridges and 46 miles of combined paved and gravel roadways. The work load, coupled with budget restraints make for some very challenging decisions. One big change to the Highway Department this year was to add the Town's Grounds, Playing Fields and Public Parking lots to its duties and responsibilities. In order to accomplish this extra work load a forth man was hired to help with this sensible debate. As the crew is fully staffed we can all work together and complete these tasks in a more professional and timely matter.

The biggest up grade to our roads this year was completion of another section of Great Barrington Road (A.K.A. rt.41). By far this major north/south artery is one of our highest traffic volume streets. Below is a cost breakdown of that 7,400' section.

FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT WAS THROUGH STATE AID CHAPTER 90

Cold in-place Recycling (18,100 sq2)	\$ 122,100.01
Asphalt Paving (1,720 tns)	\$ 113,254.76
Traffic Control/Police Details	\$ 2,928.35

Total \$ 238,283.12

The Town owned "Old Landfill" has seen some major improvements under strong encouragement from the MASSDEP. "to initiate maintenance on the landfill, starting with the cutting of trees and vegetation. Eventually the Town should restore the landfill cap to a grass surface". This request has been met and is in the final stages of completion. Thanks in part to J.H.Maxymillian inc. and the Mass. Pike Toll Booth removal Project the Town has saved well over \$35,000 in clean fill cost. Drainage issues will be addressed and grass seeding this year will make this area more appealing for future use.

Another project that was completed this year was the "Retaining Wall" down at the Dam area. Although we haven't gotten all the invoices in for the \$20,000 free cash transfer I can say with confidence we will be under our budget. As soon as we finalize our figures an announcement will be made.

Adding gravel/stone materials and maintaining drainage along our gravel roadways are always increasing and in high demand. Although there are only 9 miles (18 lane miles), these secondary roadways require a lot of money and man power year in and year out. The cost for materials on these roadways are equally shared and distributed along each and every road. For tax base purposes we always welcome new growth and development, but at the same time we are taxing our resources. The demand in up keep and maintenance has been an overwhelming concern for the crew and causes wear on equipment. The Town is growing and sooner or later the Department needs to keep up with this type of demand and also consider growing. This concern is agreed by some but not understood by others. I mention this today to possibly discuss the future of tomorrow.

In closing I would like to thank my Highway Department Crew of John Lyford, Jamie Boyer and our newest member Zach Levesque. The crew's work ethic and teamwork always goes beyond the call of duty. True professionals at the highest level giving the tax payers the best money can buy. Together we strive to serve all of you and thank you for your support through out the year. It is a pleasure working for you.

Current Highway Salaries

Curt Wilton	\$ 59,280
John Lyford	\$ 50,960
Jamie Boyer	\$ 50,960
Zach Levesque	\$ 43,680

Respectfully Submitted,
Curt G. Wilton

Town of West Stockbridge

Animal Control Report

The following report is of the animal control activities from January 1st 2017 to December 31st 2017.

Domestic

Nuisance dog complaints	15
Calls regarding lost dogs and cats	5
Dog complaints handled over the phone	12
Dogs and cats that were killed by motor vehicles	2
Dogs placed in homes	0
Dog bites reported	2
Reports of livestock loose on the road	4
Reports of possible animal abuse	2
Other miscellaneous	2

Wildlife

Bear complaints	21
Reports of coyotes, raccoons, porcupines, and other	9
Calls referred to Mass Wildlife	12

Respectively Submitted,

John W. Springstube

Animal Control Officer

Animal Inspector Report
Town of West Stockbridge

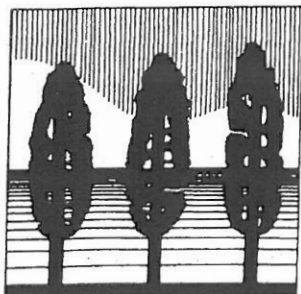
As Animal Inspector I am required to quarantine any dog or cat that bites a human or other animal for a period of ten days up to six months depending on that animal's rabies vaccination. If your pet is involved this can be costly as well as a major inconvenience. The best way to prevent this from occurring is to keep your animal's vaccinations up to date.

This year there were several dog bites luckily all dogs involved were up to date on their vaccinations. I also had several animal abuse calls, all turned out to be unfounded. All animals were found to be well cared for and free of disease.

Respectively Submitted,

John W. Springstube

Animal Inspector



BERKSHIRE HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

GREAT BARRINGTON • STOCKBRIDGE • WEST STOCKBRIDGE

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March 16, 2018

Ms. Karen Williams, Treasurer
West Stockbridge Town Hall
P.O. Box 613
West Stockbridge, MA 01266

*REVISED - Per Regional Agreement
revisions accepted at Spring 2017
Town Meetings*

Dear Karen:

On March 8, 2018 the Berkshire Hills Regional School District Committee voted to approve a gross operating budget of \$27,256,117 (net operating of \$25,153,696) and a gross capital budget of \$2,113,750. The total net budget for fiscal year 2018-19 is \$27,267,446 with a net assessment to member towns of \$21,941,776.

In compliance with Sections IV-A, IV-B, and V-C of our Regional Agreement as amended May 15, 2017, we are certifying details of the net assessment and payment schedule for the twelve months beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

<u>Member Town</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>
Great Barrington	15,532,378	622,919	16,155,297	4,038,824.25
Stockbridge	2,810,474	116,069	2,926,543	731,635.75
West Stockbridge	<u>2,746,108</u>	<u>113,828</u>	<u>2,859,936</u>	<u>714,984.00</u>
	21,088,960	852,816	21,941,776	5,485,444.00

Quarterly payment due dates are September 1, 2018, December 1, 2018, March 1, 2019, and June 1, 2019. Before each payment due date, you will be notified in writing of the amount and payment due date.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Jette,
District Treasurer

cc: Superintendent of Schools

Community Health Association of Richmond and West Stockbridge Annual Report

The Community Health Association continues to provide many health promotion programs: flu clinics, educational programs, weekly blood pressure screenings, communicable disease follow-ups, home and office nursing visits, and community outreach.

In June, CHA hosted an educational event and dinner at the Richmond Congregational Church. Dr. Louise Maron presented a lecture titled "When Feeling Bad is Good." Both the presentation and group discussion with 31 people in attendance emphasized how excess stress can be understood as a needed signpost for change.

In September, CHA, in conjunction with the West Stockbridge Council on Aging, hosted an educational event and dinner at the Parish Center featuring CHA Board Chairman Laurence D. Cohen, M.D. Dr. Cohen presented a lecture titled "How to Avoid Doctor Visits, Surgeons, and Other Money Saving Tips Regarding Self-Medical Care" followed by a lively question and answer period with 57 people in attendance.

There continue to be two blood pressure and health promotion clinics weekly: every Monday and Wednesday morning at the CHA office in West Stockbridge, and every Thursday morning at the Richmond Congregational Church. CHA continues to work with the Boards of Health from both Richmond and West Stockbridge regarding communicable disease follow-up.

Flu clinics started in October and we administered 244 influenza vaccinations. We made ourselves available for special appointments and home visits for those who could not make the public clinics. In addition to offering flu shots, we had 337 office/clinic evaluations and made 335 home visits in 2017.

From January through November 2017, donations totaled \$20,865. The winter appeal, which started in December 2017, totals \$13,105 as of December 31, 2017. Special thanks go out to Don Johnson for thinking of us at the annual West Stockbridge Apple Press. Thank you very much to everyone who contributes and for the thoughtfulness of those who included us as recipients of memorial donations in honor of their loved ones. Because of your generous and compassionate support, we are able to keep our mission alive. We, and those we serve, deeply appreciate your loyal support.

We wish you good health in 2018 and stand ready to serve your health needs in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Emilie Jarrett, RN BSN, Director

Community Health Association of Richmond and West Stockbridge

	FY 2018 Budget	FY 2019 Budget	FY 2019 vs FY 2018
Revenues			
Town Appropriation - Richmond	25,250	25,500	250
Town Appropriation - WS	25,250	25,500	250
Health Ins - W.S. Contribution			-
Contributions	28,000	28,000	-
Total Revenues	78,500	79,000	500
Expenses			
Administrator Salary	35,000	36,500	1,500
Payroll Taxes	2,890	3,000	110
Disability Ins - Admin	500	500	-
Health Ins - Admin	21,250	18,000	- 3,250
Workmens Comp	900	925	25
Payroll Expense	750	800	50
Total Employee Expense	61,290	59,725	(1,565)
Non billable RN Supplies	825	900	75
Marketing	270	300	30
Postage	700	725	25
Office Supplies	1,800	2,000	200
Printing	1,550	1,550	-
Dues & Conferences	500	500	-
Telephone	2,150	1,800	- 350
Insurance-D&O	1,700	1,700	-
Insurance - General	2,650	2,800	150
Bank Fee/Other /Contingency	300	300	-
Accounting/Audit/Tax Filing	750	750	-
Flu Clinic	5,000	6,000	1,000
Total Expenses	79,485	79,050	(435)
Operating Income / (Loss)	(985)	(50)	935
GE Dividends & Vanguard	985	50	(935)
Net Income	-	-	-

West Stockbridge Public Library

Fiscal year 2017 Annual Report

FY2017 was the Year of the Vestibule. After months of planning the side entry addition, we broke ground and completed the project on time and under budget. The sunny, three season room became a favored space for web users, coffee drinkers, children and the occasional dog. From start to finish, sincere thanks to:

Tim Eagles and the architects at EDM, designers of New Town Hall

Mike Skorput, volunteer project consultant

Bill Nappo and his team at Greyhouse Partners, restorers of West Stockbridge Historical Society at the 1854 Town Hall

Peter Thorne for the new workspace surround

Sarah Thorne for interior design

Gordon Soule for the teak bench in memory of Isabelle

Balestro family for tables and chairs in memory of Rose

Library Director (now retired) Lee M. Appelbaum for coordinating; her full process/procedures report is at the Library.

Compliments of state grants, we purchased a new computer for the circulation desk and held a 3-D Printing/Makerspace workshop for children of all ages on the community room in October.

We thank technical whiz Bill Biggs for installing the new computer and for teaching computer classes to our patrons, as well as for his IT help throughout the year.

On-going appreciation goes out to faithful volunteers Mary Stodden, Catherine Mallory and Paula Farrell. We were also very fortunate to have a student volunteer with us: Adam Boscarino returned for a second summer, giving generously of his time.

Many thanks to the Friends of the Library for their generous funding of the museum/culture venue passes and for local newspapers.

Our library patrons and visitors are the most delightful to be found anywhere in the Berkshires. Thank you for making every day a little party in the Library.

Respectfully submitted by,

M.C. Nihart, WSPL Board of Trustees for:

Library Director Rachel Alter

Former Director Lee M. Appelbaum

Library Assistant Jodi Magner

Board of Trustees member Sue Coxon, former member Barbara Dowling and acting member Gail Garrick

FY 2017 BY THE NUMBERS

	2014	2015	2016	2017
TOTAL LIBRARY HOLDINGS, (books, videos, audiobooks, magazines, passes, Kindle)	8,812	9,201	9,755	10,275
NEW TITLES ADDED THIS YEAR	1,035	866	703	663
TOTAL CIRCULATION (books, videos, audiobooks, magazines, passes, Kindle)	8,367	9,162	8,779	7,825
WEST STOCKBRIDGE RESIDENT CARDHOLDERS	976	1,001	788*	800
CHECKOUTS TO NON-RESIDENTS	1,227	1,426	1,618	1,627
INTERLIBRARY LOANS FROM OTHER LIBRARIES	1,399	1,781	1,890	1,567
INTERLIBRARY LOANS TO OTHER LIBRARIES	1,499	1,592	1,758	1,604
EBOOK /AUDIOBOOK DOWNLOADS TO PATRON DEVICES	207	390**	590	654
CULTURAL PASS CHECKOUTS	210	198	172	179
LIBRARY ATTENDANCE	5,315	6,196	6,277	6,428
ESTIMATED VALUE OF MATERIALS CIRCULATED (how much patrons would have spent if they had to buy one copy checked out at circulation desk. If no price listed in the copy record, \$25.00 is used as item price. EBooks and other electronic sources not included)	\$118,695	\$133,449	\$120,213	\$100,637

*Reflects C/WMARS patron-list purge

**corrected for 2015

DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES (DDVS)

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Member Towns: Great Barrington, West Stockbridge, Egremont
Monterey, Sheffield, New Marlborough, Sandisfield, Alford
Stockbridge, Otis, Tyringham, Mt. Washington

DDVS MEMBER TOWN APPORTIONMENT FISCAL YEAR 2019

Great Barrington	0.34	\$32,399.96
Sheffield	0.16	\$15,247.04
Stockbridge	0.09	\$8,576.46
Otis	0.08	\$7,623.52
New Marlborough	0.07	\$6,670.58
West Stockbridge	0.06	\$5,717.64
Egremont	0.06	\$5,717.64
Monterey	0.05	\$4,764.70
Sandisfield	0.04	\$3,811.76
Alford	0.02	\$1,905.88
Tyringham	0.02	\$1,905.88
Mount Washington	0.01	\$952.94
TOTAL (INCLUDES A RESERVE DRAW DOWN OF \$10,000.00)		\$95,294.00

APPROVED: 11/6/2017

SUBMITTED:



LAURIE J. HILS
DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Annual Report of the Board of Health for the year 2017

After elections in the Spring, the Board re-organized with Scott Sawyer as Chairman and Michael Skorput as a new member. Transfer Station attendant Ed McGrath had to leave his post due to health concerns and Wayne Cooper was hired by the Board as his replacement. We wish to thank Ed for his service to the Town.

During the year, the Agent witnessed 23 Title 5 septic system inspections with 75% of them requiring repair or replacement. One hundred seventeen septic tanks were pumped. The Agent also witnessed 19 percolation tests with 14 passing and 5 failures. Revenues generated by witnessing totaled \$3,520 paid to the Town. The Agent reviewed 82 license/permit applications and issued 79 generating \$4,580. Water quality tests done weekly at Card Pond revealed no results above acceptable levels this year.

Activity at the Transfer Station was similar to last year with 604 tons of solid waste being processed. Of that total, 87 tons of paper, 52 tons of bottles & cans and 10 tons of metals were recycled producing revenue of \$2,010. This represents a 25% recycling rate which for a town of our size compared to others in the State is very favorable, but we can do better so please make an effort to further segregate your trash. Fees from bulky waste generated \$5,072 which offset the cost to dispose of them. The Board made a policy in the Fall to no longer accept some bulky items due to the cost of handling them. The annual inspection of the entire operation by an agent for the DEP produced an excellent report again this year. Thank you, Wayne, for your diligence.

In June, the Agent and two members of the Board were placed in an extremely awkward situation when it was discovered through the DFW and DEP that two Town officials were owners of a property that was discharging raw effluent to the environment, evidently for a considerable time, and a third was operating an illegal dumpsite nearby. This activity consumed an enormous amount of time and effort for the Agent and those members through the remainder of the year involving reams of paperwork, court appearances for non-compliance of orders, and thousands of dollars in legal fees.

Upgrades on the site and equipment of the Transfer Station are being developed which will address maintenance issues and future recycling procedures. This will involve installing an additional compactor unit to crush bottles and cans, which the recycling facility in Springfield will now accept in that state, extension and repairs to the roof over the container area and repairs to the fencing. Also being considered is an enclosed area to serve as a "swap shop" for residents to exchange items they no longer use. There will be a budget line item on the Annual Warrant to fund this project.

The Board wishes to thank Wayne Cooper, Curt Wilton and the Highway Department and all the residents who help make our mission of making our Town a healthy place to live possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl B Moffatt, Agent

For your Board of Health: *Scott Sawyer, Chair; Luci Leonard, member; Michael Skorput, member*

Southern Berkshire Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collaborative

February 27, 2018

The Southern Berkshire (SB) Regional Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program begins its seventeenth year of operation on July 1, 2018. The goal of the program is to increase the opportunities for residents in South County to properly dispose of household hazardous waste while minimizing the cost to each participating municipality. The program continues to accomplish that goal. Fifteen towns have participated in the program this year and together, you help make it a success.

Nine collection opportunities took place in 2017; seven at the mini site collection sites in Lenox and Great Barrington, where residents could bring unwanted oil-based paint, stains, thinners and motor oil. Two comprehensive HHW collections were held in Stockbridge and Great Barrington, where residents disposed of pesticides, cleaning products, mercury fever thermometers, automotive supplies, driveway sealants, solvents and many other common household products. About 392 households participated in at least one collection and more than 2,750 gallons and/or pounds of hazardous waste were collected and disposed of properly. In addition, about 1,301 gallons of paint and 379 gallons of motor oil were collected at the mini sites just this year.

The collaborative updated and distributed our "How To" booklet for the safe handling and disposal of household hazardous materials. This is handed out at all of our events and made available for distribution at all transfer stations in our member communities. Most participating towns also list this valuable booklet on their websites.

It is time to begin thinking about FY 2019. The success of this program speaks for itself and the Steering Committee is making preparations to continue the program in FY 2019 at the same level of service and hopefully the same cost! We hope you are as pleased as we are with the program. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for program improvements.

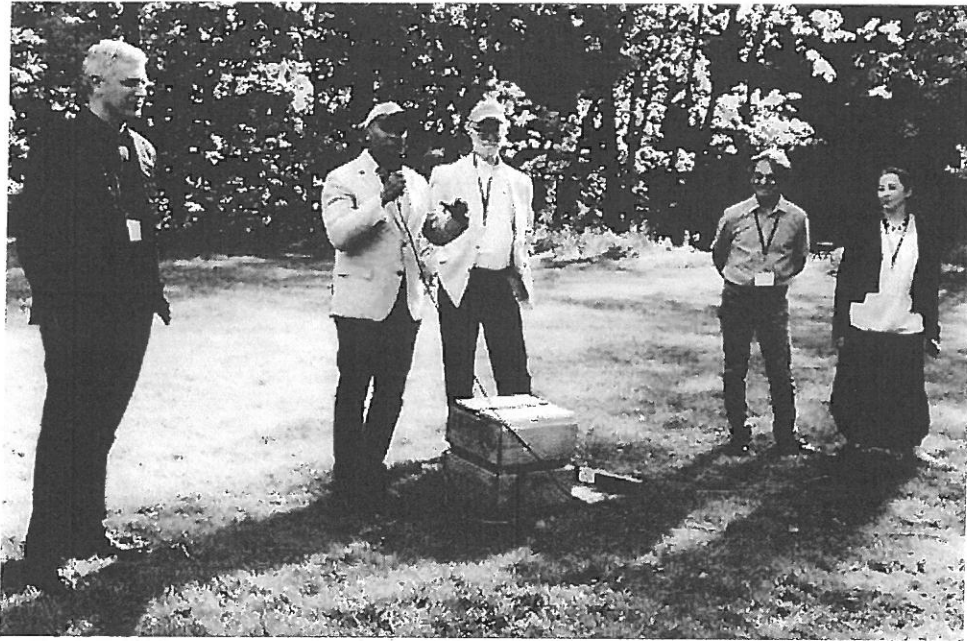
Sincerely,
Jamie Cahillane, CET

Sean VanDeusen (Great Barrington)	413-528-0867 ext.109
James Wilusz (Tri-Town Health)	413-243-5540
Jill Hughes (Sheffield)	413-229-7000 ext. 157
William Gop (Lenox)	413-637-5525
Mark Webber (West Stockbridge)	413-232-0319

West Stockbridge Historical Society — Town Report

The West Stockbridge Historical Society had its most successful year yet in raising funds to restore the Old Town Hall. In May, we were awarded a prestigious \$90,000 Matching Grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, followed soon after by generous grants from the Jane & Jack Fitzpatrick Trust and the Aegon Transamerica Foundation. In early June we held our first major benefit at Turn Park Art Space, with former Governor Deval Patrick attending as an honorary guest, an event that helped raised additional funds for the restoration. Thanks to these developments, construction is scheduled to begin in early 2018 on the largest and most important part of the building renovation: a service extension that will house an elevator and three ADA-accessible bathrooms, and offer grade-level access to the second floor from the upper parking lot. Along with all this, we kept up a full schedule of concerts, rehearsals, classes, walks, and talks, including programs about West Stockbridge in the 1970s and the history of the Community Health Association of Richmond and West Stockbridge. We also continued to build strong cultural partnerships, working this year with IS183, Monument Mountain High School, Berkshire Theatre Group, and the West Stockbridge Chamber Players, among others.

Photos below:



L-R: Grigori Fateyev, Architect; Deval Patrick, former MA governor; Robert Salerno, the Society's president and Igor Gomberg and Katya Brezgunova, Turn Park founders (Photo: Joe Roy, Jr.)



Local children picking out their treats at Halloween in front of the Old Town Hall (Photo: Jerri Buehler)

Town of West Stockbridge Council on Aging

Annual Town Report - 4/12/18

Due to demographics and population we primarily serve a group of seniors in their late 80's and early 90's. Our focus is on medical transportation and grocery shopping. There are currently 11 people needing our services, often more than once a week. The COA van is on the road approximately 30 hours per week.

We are welcoming all seniors and we hold a pot luck luncheon on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the community room at town hall. By reaching out to some younger seniors we now have up to 20 people attending.

With encouragement from the State Department of Elder Affairs we have partnered with the Richmond COA and the Community Health Association to enable us to offer more and better attended services to the community.

This year we sponsored conferences on senior legal concerns, fraud protection, life call alert systems and health and fitness.

Along with the police and fire department we perform wellness checks during power outages and provide an emergency key lock box on request, so first responders do not have to break into your home in an emergency.

The senior population is growing in great numbers and in our community greatly exceeds the rest of the population. As this need for services grows we plan on looking to the future so as to meet the needs of our growing senior population.

Respectfully Submitted,

John E. Zick, Chairman

Paula Farrell, Secretary

FISCAL YEAR 2017 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors, along with our assessing staff provided under contract by Regional Resource Group, continues to assure the fair taxation of all West Stockbridge properties.

During the past year, we continued to reorganize and update assessment records. Our GIS/Public Access System is online and offers access to town maps, property record cards and sales information. Other efforts included inspecting property after building permits are processed, auditing property files for accuracy and completeness and updating map changes.

Our Board strives to build and maintain good public relations. We provide our residents with:

- Abutters lists required for any property additions or alterations;
- Mailings to those eligible for special tax classifications and exemptions;
- Assistance in completing forms for residents who are eligible for exemptions;
- Current property ownership information by processing registered deeds, name and address changes and other related information.
- Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements;
- Information on a host of tax and property assessment issues.

As the town's principal revenue generator, the Assessors continue to review properties subject to taxation. We plan to enhance tax revenues by:

- Identifying second homeowners and businesses whose personal property are subject to taxes;
- Making sure that new construction is monitored and assessed, and that property given a certificate of occupancy is correctly assessed and taxed accordingly;

Other office activities included:

- Processing parcel divisions and other map changes;
- Processing and reviewing all abatement requests;
- Processing personal property forms, chapter land applications, exemption applications;
- Preparing various Department of Revenue Reports.

Our office hours are Tuesdays 1:00-5:00pm and Thursdays 9:00am-1:00pm. The Board of Assessors meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 5:30-7:00pm. Residents can contact us by phone at 413 232-0300, ext. 303 or by email assessor@weststockbridge-ma.gov. Property information can be accessed on the town website: www.weststockbridge-ma.gov.

Collector's Annual Report for FY17

Collections, once again, remain in the 98% range – a tribute to taxpayer support of town services and civic pride.

It was a busy year in terms of internal re-organization. I spent many hours researching software to replace the no-longer-supported state system for tax billing in favor of software that not only serves our tax billing needs but neatly incorporates water/sewer records and billing. In June, I recommended the Vadar system (which was implemented in December of 2017 just in time for the FY18 actual billing!). Vadar allows electronic communication between the collector's and the assessors' offices, will reduce the treasurer's work in managing tax title accounts, and will hopefully simplify water/sewer billing and receivables once it is fully implemented.

Many people have taken advantage of alternate payment options. Paying in two installments instead of four is popular and reduces mailings costs. Monthly payments, instead of quarterly ones, have assisted a number of you with cash flow issues.

If you would like to learn about the town's on-line payment system (Unipay), I'd be happy to "walk you through it" during business hours – Fridays and Saturdays are the most convenient for me. Electronic payments through banks other than Unibank continue to be problematic. Since other banks transmit payments via a physical check rather than electronically, it is imperative those include a memo clearly indicating exactly what is being paid. The bill/account numbers on your February 1, 2018, bills will no longer change and will serve as a simpler identifier than the awkward 21-digit parcel ID many of you use now. If you pay multiple invoices with the same check it is important to clearly indicate your intent in the memo line.

Some water/sewer meters remain an issue. Although we had hoped that all meters would be updated and functioning properly by the end of FY17, that is not the case. This complicates both the reading and billing processes.

Once again, I extend my personal thanks for your friendly cooperation throughout the year and your patient understanding and support during office closures.

June Biggs

Collector

To the Selectmen and Residents of the Town of West Stockbridge:

The following is the Town Accountant's report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017.

Reports provided are: Balance Sheet (All Funds)
Revenues
Expenses
Special Revenue Funds
Trust Funds
Outstanding Debt
Capital Projects
Agency Funds

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Markham
Town Accountant

TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 2017

	GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS				FIDUCIARY FUNDS				Totals
	General Fund	Enterprise Funds	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Fixed Assets	Long-Term Debt	
ASSETS									
CASH	685,709	210,143	104,161	0	602,294	20,660			1,622,967
Receivables:									
Personal Property Taxes	3,879								3,879
Real Estate Taxes	104,516								104,516
Motor Vehicle Taxes	45,739								45,739
Tax Liens	100,219								100,219
Tax Foreclosures	46,444								46,444
Chapter 90 Roads Receivable									0
Overlays	(69,684)								(69,684)
Water Rates		42,586							42,586
Sewer Rates		48,089							48,089
Fixed Assets									0
Amounts to be provided for								2,162,112	2,162,112
TOTAL ASSETS	916,821	300,818	104,161	0	602,294	20,660	0	2,162,112	4,106,866
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY									
Liabilities									
Dept Equipment Loan								150,000	150,000
Highway Loader								113,600	113,600
Village Sch/Twn Offices Loan								575,000	575,000
Fire Pumper Truck Loan								307,512	307,512
Sewer Loan								841,000	841,000
Water Loan								175,000	175,000
Deferred Revenue-Highway									0
Due to Capital Projects									0
Deferred Revenue	231,113	90,675							321,787
TOTAL LIABILITIES	231,113	90,675	0	0	0	0	0	2,162,112	2,483,899
FUND EQUITY									
Reserved for Encumbrances	67,897	3,245							71,142
Reserved for Expenditures	96,000								96,000
Reserved for Appropriation Deficits	(46,809)								(46,809)
Retained Earnings-Sewer		144,297							144,297
Retained Earnings-Water		62,601							62,601
Reserved-Investment & Prop									0
Reserved-Future Debt svc									0
Reserved			104,161		602,294	20,660			727,115
Fund Bal- Unreserved	568,621								568,621
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	685,709	210,143	104,161	0	602,294	20,660	0	0	1,622,967
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	916,821	300,818	104,161	0	602,294	20,660	0	2,162,112	4,106,866
									4,106,866

(Notes: Enterprise Funds include WATER & SEWER Funds)

(Notes: Special Revenue Funds include REVOLVING FUND,ELECTIONS,LOCAL REVOLVING,POLICE GRANTS,GIFTS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
For year ending: June 30,2017

Other Special Funds	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Cable(PEG) operations	0	6,190		6,190
Sale of Cemetery Lots	16,625			16,625
Youth Services Fund	5,264			5,264
Wetland Protection	9,151	125		9,276
Parks & Recreation Gifts	1,866	1,000		2,866
Council on Aging Gifts	1,158	210	(441)	927
Council on Aging Travel	1,734	1,103	(1,496)	1,341
Zucchini Festival	16,599		(700)	15,899
West Stock Library	9,048			9,048
Total Other Special Revenue Funds	61,445	2,438	(2,637)	0

OTHER REVOLVING FUNDS	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Electrical Inspector	\$2,200	\$9,830	(\$9,225)	\$2,805
Gas/Propane Inspector	\$2,175	\$5,040	(\$5,405)	\$1,810
Oil Burner Inspector	\$0	\$90	(\$90)	\$0
Plumbing Inspector	\$3,125	\$3,080	(\$4,425)	\$1,780
Smoke & Emergency Alarm Inspector	\$130	\$830	(\$890)	\$70
Collector	\$1,580	\$6,450	(\$4,970)	\$3,060
Deputy Collector	\$75	\$3,407	(\$3,045)	\$437
Total Other Revolving Funds	\$9,285	\$28,727	(\$28,050)	\$9,962

TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

For year ending: June 30, 2017

State Grants	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers	Ending Balance
Highway-Ch90	0	136,373	(136,373)		0
Emergency Mgmt	2,848	2,460	(5,308)		0
Fema Disaster Grant	0				0
Elections	0	442	(442)		0
Library	8,644	2,084	(2,908)		7,820
Arts Lottery	4,400	4,405	(4,800)		4,005
Elder Affairs Grant	0	5,000	(5,000)		0
Public Access	3,954		10,000		13,954
USDA Rural Development Grant	0	225,980		-225,980	0
Totals	19,846	376,744	(144,831)	(225,980)	25,779

Police & Fire Grants	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers	Ending Balance
Fire Safety	295				295
Firearm Permits-State share	463	2,350	(2,125)		688
Totals	758	2,350	(2,125)	0	983

TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE

AGENCY FUNDS Year ending June 30, 2017

Descriptions	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Payments	Ending Balance
Federal Withholding	\$0	\$87,914	(\$87,914)	\$0
Med/Fica Withholding	\$0	\$12,025	(\$12,025)	\$0
State Withholding	\$0	\$35,888	(\$35,888)	\$0
Retirement Withholding	\$0	\$48,925	(\$48,925)	\$0
Deferred Comp Withholding	\$1,772	\$40,198	(\$41,970)	\$0
Group Health/Dental Ins.	\$14,093	\$42,390	(\$43,963)	\$12,520
Aflac Withholding	\$871	\$8,263	(\$8,730)	\$404
United Way w/holding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Withholding(Provident)	\$33	\$307	(\$313)	\$27
Court Ordered deductions	\$0	\$3,024	(\$3,024)	\$0
Truck Stop Solar (decommissioning Bond)	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Outside Police Details	\$14,521	\$134,918	(\$142,731)	\$6,708
Bonds Refunded/issued	\$0	\$991,000	(\$1,292,479)	\$301,479
Totals	\$31,290	\$1,405,852	(\$1,717,962)	\$301,479
				\$20,659

CAPITAL PROJECTS Year ending June 30, 2017

Descriptions	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Transfers	Ending Balance
Sewer Expansion Project	\$29,349			(\$29,349)	\$0
Special Equipment Fund: (Hwy Truck, Loader, COA Van)	\$205	\$150,000	(\$150,205)		\$0
Totals	\$29,554	\$150,000	(\$150,205)	(\$29,349)	\$0

TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE

TRUST FUNDS

Year ending June 30, 2017

Descriptions	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Transfers in	Transfers out	Ending Balance
Tricentennial Trust	\$4,464	\$7			\$4,471
Stabilization - Tax Title Demo	\$0		\$15,000		\$15,000
Stabilization - Capital Fund	\$25,000		\$25,000		\$50,000
Stabilization Fund	\$298,490	\$1,731	\$25,000		\$325,221
Cemetery PC-interest	\$7,053	\$125			\$7,178
Cemetery PC - principal	\$60,048				\$60,048
Conservation Fund	\$13,511	\$22	\$300		\$13,833
Surface Water Bodies	\$622	\$10			\$632
War Memorial	\$3,794	\$7			\$3,801
Land Bank Trust	\$533	\$1			\$534
W.Stock Library Trust	\$121,575				\$121,575
Totals	\$535,090	\$1,903	\$65,300	\$0	\$602,293

OUTSTANDING DEBT

Year ending June 30, 2017

Descriptions	Beginning Balance	New debt	Payments	Ending Balance
Village Sch/Town Offices	\$725,000		(\$150,000)	\$575,000
Fire Truck(Pumper)	\$348,512		(\$41,000)	\$307,512
Sewer	\$1,174,600	\$841,000	(\$1,174,600)	\$841,000
Highway Truck	\$34,000		(\$34,000)	\$0
Highway Loader	\$142,000		(\$28,400)	\$113,600
Water	\$230,000		(\$55,000)	\$175,000
Dept Equip Loan	\$0	\$150,000		\$150,000
Totals	\$2,654,112	\$991,000	(\$1,483,000)	\$2,162,112

TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE

REVENUES

Year ending June 30, 2017

General Taxes

Personal Property	\$119,977
Real Estate	\$4,493,373
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$231,120
Interest/penalties on Taxes and Excise	\$35,701
Hotel/Motel Tax	\$16,579
Meals Tax	\$24,533
Other Taxes	\$53,477

Sub-total General Taxes	\$4,974,760
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Permits/Charges for Services

Selectmens Fees	\$5,462
Planning Board	\$200
Board of Appeals	\$1,000
Transfer Station Fees	\$4,278
Alarm Permits	\$25
Building Permits	\$34,912
Trench Permits	\$0
Burial Permits	\$0
Firearm Permit-Town Share	\$800
Board of Health Permits	\$7,090

Sub-total Permits/Charges for Services	\$53,767
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Other Departmental Receipts

Assessors	
Police Admin. Fees	\$9,646
Town Clerk	\$2,178
Parks & Recreation	
Inspectors Admin fees	\$2,828
Charter Communications	\$29,570
Parking Charges	\$400
Other Misc. Department revenue	

Sub-total Other Dept. Receipts	\$44,622
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Revenues from State (Cherry Sheet)

State Owned Land	\$24,158
G/Fund Unrestricted Aid	\$93,488
Abate-Vets, Blind, Surv Spouse	\$4,035

Sub-total State Revenues	\$121,681
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Revenue from Other Governments

District Court Fines	\$4,820
Veterans' Reimbursement Benefits	\$17,591

Sub-total Other Government Revenue	\$22,411
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Miscellaneous Revenue

Earnings on Investments	\$1,553
Other Miscellaneous	\$13,648

Sub-total Miscellaneous Revenue	\$15,201
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Total General Fund Revenues	\$5,232,442
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Water Revenue Funds

Water User Charges	\$112,453
Water Connections	\$200
Water Interest/penalties	\$684
Investment Earnings	\$53
Misc. Water Revenue	

Total Water Fund Revenues	\$113,390
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Sewer Revenue Funds

Sewer User Charges	113,892
Sewer Connections	6,200
Sewer Interest/penalties	\$706
Investment Earnings	\$135
Misc. Sewer Revenue	

Total Sewer Fund Revenues	\$120,933
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Total Revenues	\$5,466,765
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TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE

EXPENSES

Year ending June 30, 2017

General Government

Town Counsel	23,713
Moderator	0
Administrative Assistant	47,048
Selectmen	
Salaries	6,200
Expense	16,284
Finance Committee	129
Town Accountant	
Salary	18,000
Expense	3,626
Audit Services	0
Assessors	
Salaries	4,500
Expense	41,914
Treasurer	
Salary	18,000
Expense	5,411
Tax Collector	
Salary	16,500
Expense	8,943
Cable TV	0
Town Clerk	
Salary	15,000
Expense	1,514
Election & Registrations	5,184
Preservation of Records	0
Street Lists	246
Conservation Commission	536
Planning Board	2,072
Board of Appeals	415
Insurance	70,228
Officers Bonds	1,175
Town Reports	3,933
Town Website maintenance	2,802
Computer/It services	8,500
Town Buildings	
Salary	31,509
Expense	132,770
<u>Total General Government</u>	<u>486,153</u>

Public Safety

Police	
Salaries	229,659
Expense	33,226
Fire/EMT	26,146
Richmond Ambulance	3,500
EMT Incentive	1,000
Fire Responder Incentive	4,200
Communications Services-dispatch	11,289
Building Inspector	
Salary	8,840
Expense	327
Emergency Management	0
Animal Control Officer	
Salary	3,000
Expense	0
Tree Warden	0
<u>Total Public Safety</u>	<u>321,187</u>

EXPENSES
Year ending June 30, 2017

Education

Berkshire Hills Regional School District	
Assessment	2,874,181
Capital expense	132,651
<u>Total Education</u>	<u>3,006,832</u>

Public Works

Highway Department	
Salaries	180,622
Expenses	1,749
Bridges/Highways	142,407
Snow/Ice Removal	89,946
Street Lights	11,693
Hazardous Waste Disposal	1,035
Transfer Station	
Salary	21,277
Expenses	69,764
Cemetery Department	22,500
Mill Pond Weed Removal	6,450
Group Purchasing	600
<u>Total Public Works</u>	<u>548,043</u>

Human Services

Board of Health	
Salaries	11,950
Expenses	2,076
Community Health	25,000
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Svc.	320
Council on Aging	11,560
Veterans Benefits	10,582
Veteran's District Assessment	5,377
Memorial Day/American Legion	2,000
<u>Total Public Health</u>	<u>68,864</u>

Culture and Recreation

Library	
Salary	31,181
Expenses	5,530
Parks & Recreation	
Salary	2,895
Expenses	10,565
Historical Commission	99
<u>Total Culture & Recreation</u>	<u>50,271</u>

EXPENSES
Year ending June 30, 2017

Debt Service	
Town Offices-principal	150,000
Town Offices-interest	17,500
Sewer Expansion Loan-principal	35,000
Sewer Expansion Loan-interest	8,086
Highway Truck-principal	34,000
Highway Truck-interest	850
Fire Pumper Truck-principal	41,000
Fire Pumper Truck-interest	2,399
Hwy Loader-principal	28,400
Hwy Loader-interest	923
Other admin/interest	5,000
Total Debt Service	323,158

Miscellaneous Expenses	
Comm of Ma- Assessments	1,617
Retirement Assessment	91,300
Employee Insurance	
Health Insurance	149,894
Med/Fica(Town Portion)	12,025
Unemply ins	2,459
Tax Refunds	
Pers Property	2,893
Real Estate	7,950
Motor Vehicle	3,493
Other	125

Town Meeting Articles	
Trsfr to Conservation Trust	300
Trsfr to Stabilization	65,000
Landfill closure	0
Shaker Mill Turbines	0
Police Cruiser	28,377
Alternative Energy engineering	0
Voting Machine	0
Building demolition	0
Computer server	3,193
Fire Dept Professional Review	7,500
Emergency Plan-Shaker Mill Dam	0
Retaining wall repairs @ Shaker Milld Dam	0
Town Bylaws - Prof. Svcs	0
Total Miscellaneous	376,126

TOTAL GENERAL FUND	5,180,633
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Water Department	
Salaries	32,985
Expenses	18,912
Water Loan	43,284
Water Capital Expenses	0
TOTAL WATER FUND	95,181

Sewer Department	
Salaries	43,321
Expenses	51,544
Sewer Capital Expenses	
TOTAL SEWER FUND	94,865

Treasurer's Report - FY2017

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Balance as of June 30, 2017</u>
Berkshire Bank	\$228,275.23
People's United (Payroll)	-18,215.28
MMDT	88.44
UniBank (Vendor - #1568)	26,639.70
TDBank (Vendor)	3,096.21
UniBank	287,987.54
UniBank (General Fund - #1774)	<u>269,035.50</u>
Total General Fund	\$796,907.34

Stabilization Accounts

MMDT	339,957.61
Total Stabilization	<u>\$339,957.61</u>

Other Funds

Berkshire Bank (Water Enterprise)	\$68,254.00	
Berkshire Bank (Sewer Enterprise)	157,205.45	
UniBank (Trust Funds)	108,294.46	
Berkshire Bank (Cultural Council)	4,822.81	
Zucchini Festival	16,902.52	
Edward Jones Investments (Library)	121,574.72	Int./Exp. not provided by Trustees for FY16 & FY17
Berkshire Bank NOW (Library)	9,048.27	Int./Exp. not provided by Trustees for FY16 & FY17

Total Other Funds \$486,102.23

TOTAL - ALL ACCOUNTS \$1,622,967.18

Cash-Beginning Balance (07/01/16)	\$1,530,988.98
Receipts	\$7,298,530.65
Disbursements	(\$7,206,552.45)
Ending Balance (06/30/17)	<u>\$1,622,967.18</u>

FY 2019 draft budget				
as of 3-14-18	FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference	% Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Town Counsel	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ -	0.00%
Moderator	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	0.00%
Admin. Asst.	\$ 48,223	\$ 62,000	\$ 13,777	28.57%
Admin. Asst. Longevity Allowance	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0.00%
Selectmen's Expenses	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ -	0.00%
Selectmen's Salaries	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200	\$ -	0.00%
Finance Committee	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	0.00%
Town Accountant Salary	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ -	0.00%
Town Accountant State Certification Stipend	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
Town Accountant Expense	\$ 1,050	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,350	128.57%
Assessor's Salaries	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ -	0.00%
Assessor's Expenses	\$ 7,973	\$ 8,900	\$ 927	11.63%
Assessor's Contracted Services	\$ 39,456	\$ 40,048	\$ 592	1.50%
Treasurer's Expenses	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	0.00%
Treasurer State Certification Allowance	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
Treasurer's Salary	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500	\$ -	0.00%
Treasurer/Accountant software maint.	\$ 3,400	\$ 4,672	\$ 1,272	37.41%
Town Collector's Expense	\$ 10,620	\$ 12,250	\$ 1,630	15.35%
Town Collector's Salary	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,500	\$ 500	2.94%
Town Collector State Certification Allowance	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
Tax Title Expense	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000	33.33%
Cable TV	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
Town Clerk's Expenses	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	0.00%
Town Clerk's Salary	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	0.00%
Election & Registration	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,000	\$ 500	14.29%
Preservation of Records	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0.00%
Street Lists	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0.00%
Conservation Commission	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0.00%

	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT (cont.)				
Planning Board	\$ 3,125	\$ 3,125	\$ -	0.00%
Board of Appeals	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
Town Insurance	\$ 69,010	\$ 71,080	\$ 2,070	3.00%
Officers Bonds	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	\$ -	0.00%
Town Reports	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	\$ -	0.00%
Town Audit	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500	\$ -	0.00%
Town Website Annual Maintenance	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	0.00%
Computer/IT Services	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ -	0.00%
Town Buildings Utilities	\$ 96,349	\$ 97,794	\$ 1,445	1.50%
Town Buildings Supplies	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,800	\$ -	0.00%
Town Buildings Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000	33.33%
TOTAL GENERAL GOVT	\$ 463,506	\$ 493,570	\$ 30,063	6.49%
PROTECT, PERS. & PROP.				
Police Department	\$ 37,000	\$ 38,000	\$ 1,000	2.70%
Police Salaries	\$ 264,470	\$ 280,326	\$ 15,856	6.00%
Fire/EMT Services	\$ 36,500	\$ 36,500	\$ -	0.00%
Richmond Ambulance	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	0.00%
EMT Incentive	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	100.00%
Fireperson's Incentive	\$ 6,400	\$ 6,400	\$ -	0.00%
Communications Service	\$ 11,628	\$ 11,977	\$ 349	3.00%
Building Inspector	\$ 9,061	\$ 9,242	\$ 181	2.00%
Building Inspector Expense	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,200	100.00%
Emergency Management	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -	0.00%
Animal Control Officer	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0.00%
Animal Control Officer Expenses	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -	0.00%
Tree Warden	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ -	0.00%
TOT. PROT. PERS. & PROP.	\$ 391,259	\$ 411,345	\$ 20,087	5.13%

	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
EDUCATION				
BHRSD Operating Budget	\$ 2,762,547	\$ 2,735,964	\$ (26,583)	-0.96%
BHRSD Capital Budget	\$ 106,676	\$ 123,972	\$ 17,296	16.21%
TOTAL EDUCATION	\$ 2,869,223	\$ 2,859,936	\$ (9,287)	-0.32%
PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES				
Highway Office Expenses	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -	0.00%
Highway Prof. Training	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -	0.00%
Uniform Allowance	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,400	\$ 100	7.69%
Highways & Bridges	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ -	0.00%
Highway Salaries	\$ 212,998	\$ 223,300	\$ 10,302	4.84%
Contracted Longevity Allowance	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ -	0.00%
Highway Overtime	\$ 19,650	\$ 20,650	\$ 1,000	5.09%
Gas/Diesel Fuel	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	0.00%
Snow & Ice Removal	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ -	0.00%
Highway Construction	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ -	0.00%
Culverts & Guardrails	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ -	0.00%
Machinery Maintenance	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	0.00%
Highway Line Painting	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ -	0.00%
Group Purchase Collaborative	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -	0.00%
Street Lights	\$ 16,536	\$ 16,536	\$ -	0.00%
Solid Waste Transfer	\$ 97,500	\$ 99,450	\$ 1,950	2.00%
Hazardous Waste Disposal	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0.00%
Cemetery Department	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	\$ -	0.00%
Cemetery Tree Removal	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ -	0.00%
Mill Pond & Card Pond Aquatic Weed Removal	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ -	0.00%
TOT. PUB. WORKS & FAC.	\$ 628,784	\$ 642,136	\$ 13,352	2.12%

	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
HUMAN SERVICES				
Health & Sanitation	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ -	0.00%
Health & Sanitation Agent	\$ 12,250	\$ 12,556	\$ 306	2.50%
Community Health	\$ 25,250	\$ 25,500	\$ 250	0.99%
Berk. Mental Health	\$ 320	\$ 320	\$ -	0.00%
Council on Aging	\$ 10,800	\$ 15,000	\$ 4,200	38.89%
Veteran's Benefits	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0.00%
Memorial Day/Amer. Leg.	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0.00%
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TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 65,120	\$ 69,876	\$ 4,756	7.30%
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Library	\$ 37,056	\$ 38,576	\$ 1,520	4.10%
Parks & Recreation	\$ 13,785	\$ 12,285	\$ (1,500)	-10.88%
Historical Commission	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	0.00%
TOT CULTURE & REC.	\$ 51,041	\$ 51,061	\$ 20	0.04%
DEBT SERVICE				
Interest Long-term Debt	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0.00%
Sewer Capital Costs	\$ 39,131	\$ 38,693	\$ (438)	-1.12%
Village School Conversion	\$ 150,000	\$ 156,500	\$ 6,500	4.33%
New Fire Truck Pumper, Dept. Equip, & New Loader	\$ 78,092	\$ 74,843	\$ (3,249)	-4.16%
New Highway Dump Truck	\$ -	\$ 26,180	\$ 26,180	100.00%
TOT. DEBT SERVICE	\$ 272,223	\$ 301,216	\$ 28,993	10.65%

	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
INTERGOV'T EXPENSES				
Veteran's District Assess.	\$ 5,621	\$ 5,718	\$ 97	1.73%
TOT. INTERGOV'T EXP.	\$ 5,621	\$ 5,718	\$ 97	1.73%
UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES				
County Retirement	\$ 101,187	\$ 105,073	\$ 3,886	3.84%
Health Insurance	\$ 181,674	\$ 181,674	\$ -	0.00%
Medicare Tax	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ -	0.00%
Reserve Fund	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	0.00%
Conservation Trust	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -	0.00%
Insurance Trust	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES	\$ 312,661	\$ 316,547	\$ 3,886	1.24%
SPECIAL ARTICLES				
Total Special Articles	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
TOT. RAISE & APPROPRIATE	\$ 5,059,438	\$ 5,151,405	\$ 91,967	1.82%

	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
TRANSFER ARTICLES				
Transfer Free Cash to Debt Service	\$ 14,500	\$ -	\$ (14,500)	-100.00%
Transfer Free Cash to Capital Stabilization	\$ 25,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 10,000	40.00%
Trans. Free Cash to Stabilization Fund	\$ 25,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 10,000	40.00%
Transfer Free Cash for Tax Title Property Disposal	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ (7,500)	-100.00%
Transfer Free Cash for Dam EAP Study	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ (2,500)	-100.00%
Transfer Free Cash for Cemetery Bldg Repairs	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ (5,000)	-100.00%
Transfer Free Cash for Wastewater Roof Repairs	\$ 9,500	\$ -	\$ (9,500)	-100.00%
Transfer Free Cash for Police Cruiser Computers	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ (7,000)	-100.00%
Transfer Free Cash for new Police Cruiser	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	100.00%
Transfer Free Cash for V.S. Playground Upgrade	\$ -	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	100.00%
Transfer Free Cash for Fire Station Repairs	\$ -	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	100.00%
Transfer Free Cash for Purchase of NGRID land	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	100.00%
Transfer Free Cash for e-Permitting System	\$ -	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	100.00%
Transfer Free Cash for swap shop at Transfer Station	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	100.00%
Transfer Free Cash for Gt. Barrington Rd paving	\$ -	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	100.00%
Transfer Free Cash to update Town signage				
Total Transfers	\$ 96,000	\$ 292,100	\$ 196,100	204.27%
Total all Appropriations	\$ 5,155,438	\$ 5,443,505	\$ 288,067	5.59%
General				
	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Cost of Running Town	\$ 2,286,215	\$ 2,583,569	\$ 297,354	13.01%
Cost of Education	\$ 2,869,223	\$ 2,859,936	\$ (9,287)	-0.32%
% of total R&A by major grouping				
	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Raise and Appropriate (R&A)	\$ 5,059,438	\$ 5,151,405	\$ 91,967	1.82%
General Government	\$ 463,506	\$ 493,570	\$ 30,063	6.49%
Police Department	\$ 301,470	\$ 318,326	\$ 16,856	5.59%
Education	\$ 2,869,223	\$ 2,859,936	\$ (9,287)	-0.32%
Highway Department	\$ 470,248	\$ 481,650	\$ 11,402	2.42%
Debt Service	\$ 272,223	\$ 301,216	\$ 28,993	10.65%
Solid Waste	\$ 100,500	\$ 102,450	\$ 1,950	1.94%
Unclassified Expenses	\$ 312,661	\$ 316,547	\$ 3,886	1.24%

Sewer and Water Enterprise Funds	FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference	% Change
Sewer Operations & Maintenance	\$ 83,400	\$ 88,000	\$ 4,600	5.52%
Water Operations & Maintenance	\$ 47,800	\$ 51,000	\$ 3,200	6.69%
Water Capital Expense	\$ 41,245	\$ 44,392	\$ 3,147	7.63%



Bulk: Message

Tue, Feb 6, 2018 3:57 PM

From: dlssupport@dor.state.ma.us
To: assessor@weststockbridge-ma.gov
 treasurer@weststockbridge-ma.gov Mark Webber
 accountant@weststockbridge-ma.gov
 dlsitgroup@dor.state.ma.us
Cc: podolakj@dor.state.ma.us

Subject: [BULK] Notification of free cash approval - West Stockbridge

Attachments: Free Cash Calculation Forms.pdf / Uploaded File (33K)

Massachusetts Department of Revenue Division of Local Services

Christopher C. Harding, Commissioner

Sean R. Cronin, Senior Deputy Commissioner of Local Services

2/6/2018

NOTIFICATION OF FREE CASH APPROVAL - Town of West Stockbridge

Based upon the un-audited balance sheet submitted, I hereby certify that the amount of available funds or "free cash" as of July 1, 2017 for the Town of West Stockbridge is:

General Fund		\$498,937.00
Enterprise Fund	Sewer	\$97,488.00
Enterprise Fund	Water	\$62,601.00

This certification is in accordance with the provisions of G. L. Chapter 59, §23, as amended.

Certification letters will be emailed to the mayor/manager, board of selectmen, prudential committee, finance director and treasurer immediately upon approval, provided an email address is reported in DLS' Local Officials Directory. Please forward to other officials as you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,



https://dls.gateway.dor.state.ma.us/gateway/Content/Images/Director_of_Accounts.jpg

Mary Jane Handy
Director of Accounts
Massachusetts Department of Revenue

FOR DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS APPROVAL

SUBMITTED BY Elaine Markham
FIELD REP Jim Podolak

COMMUNITY West Stockbridge
FUND Water

RETAINED EARNINGS CALCULATION - ENTERPRISE FUND

PART I

CASH 62,601

SUBTRACT:

CURRENT LIABILITIES, DESIGNATIONS OF FUND BALANCE

Warrants Payable
Encumbrances
Expenditures

OTHER

TOTAL 62,601

PART II

RETAINED EARNINGS - UNDESIGNATED 62,601

SUBTRACT:

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE (NET)

OTHER

TOTAL 62,601

PART III

FIXED ASSETS:

DEBITS

CREDITS

Total -

FIXED ASSET VARIANCE -

Jim Podolak

REVIEWED BY: PLEASE SEE CERTIFICATION LETTER

DATE: 02/05/18 FOR DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS APPROVAL

SUBMITTED BY Elaine Markham
FIELD REP Jim Podolak

COMMUNITY West Stockbridge
FUND Sewer

RETAINED EARNINGS CALCULATION - ENTERPRISE FUND

PART I

CASH 147,542

SUBTRACT:

CURRENT LIABILITIES, DESIGNATIONS OF FUND BALANCE

Warrants Payable	
Encumbrances	3,245
Expenditures	
Sewer Project Deficit	46,809

OTHER

TOTAL 97,488

PART II

RETAINED EARNINGS - UNDESIGNATED 144,297

SUBTRACT:

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE (NET)	
Sewer Project Deficit	46,809

OTHER

TOTAL 97,488

PART III

FIXED ASSETS:

DEBITS

CREDITS

Total	-		-
FIXED ASSET VARIANCE	-		

Jim Podolak

REVIEWED BY:

PLEASE SEE CERTIFICATION LETTER

DATE:

02/05/18

FOR DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS APPROVAL

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION
Fiscal Year 2017

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

la. Total amount to be raised (from page 2, lIe)	\$ 5,395,335.27
lb. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from page 2, lIle)	751,516.00
lc. Tax Levy (la minus lb)	\$ 4,643,819.27
ld. Distribution of Tax Rates and levies	

CLASS	(b) Levy percentage (from LA5)	(c) lc above times each percent in col (b)	(d) Valuation by class (from LA-5)	(e) Tax Rates (c) / (d) x 1000	(f) Levy by class (d) x (e) / 1000
Residential	93.4577	4,340,006.68	347,756,976.00	12.48	4,340,007.06
Net of Exempt					
Open Space	0.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Commercial	3.3367	154,950.32	12,415,859.00	12.48	154,949.92
Net of Exempt					
Industrial	0.6207	28,824.19	2,309,700.00	12.48	28,825.06
SUBTOTAL	97.4151		362,482,535.00		4,523,782.04
Personal	2.5849	120,038.08	9,618,368.00	12.48	120,037.23
TOTAL	100.0000		372,100,903.00		4,643,819.27

MUST EQUAL 1C

Board of Assessors

Harald M Scheid, Principal Assessor, West Stockbridge, assessor@weststockbridge-ma.gov 413-232-0303 | 11/23/2016 8:46 AM

Comment: Signed under authorization of the Board of Assessors. Original with signatures on file.

Ronnie Barrett, Town Clerk, West Stockbridge, clerk@weststockbridge-ma.gov 413-232-0300 | 11/23/2016 11:12 AM

Comment:

Do Not Write Below This Line --- For Department of Revenue Use Only

Reviewed By: James Podolak
Date: 11/28/2016
Approved: Deborah Wagner
Director of Accounts: Mary Jane Handy

Mary Jane Handy

NOTE : The information was Approved on 11/28/2016

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION
Fiscal Year 2017

II. Amounts to be raised

Ila. Appropriations (col.(b) through col.(g) from page 4)		<u>5,352,708.00</u>
Ilb. Other amounts to be raised		
1. Amounts certified for tax title purposes	<u>0.00</u>	
2. Debt and interest charges not included on page 4	0.00	
3. Final court judgements	0.00	
4. Total overlay deficits of prior years	0.00	
5. Total cherry sheet offsets (see cherry sheet 1-ER)	1,998.00	
6. Revenue deficits	0.00	
7. Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E	0.00	
8. CPA other unappropriated/unreserved	<u>0.00</u>	
9. Snow and ice deficit Ch. 44, Sec. 31D	0.00	
10. Other (specify on separate letter)	0.00	
TOTAL Ilb (Total lines 1 through 10)		<u>1,998.00</u>
Ilc. State and county cherry sheet charges (C.S. 1-EC)		1,517.00
Ild. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)		39,112.27
Ile. Total amount to be raised (Total Ila through Ild)		<u>5,395,335.27</u>

III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources

IIIa. Estimated receipts - State		
1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)	140,795.00	
2. Massachusetts school building authority payments	0.00	
TOTAL IIIa		<u>140,795.00</u>
IIIb. Estimated receipts - Local		
1. Local receipts not allocated (page 3, col (b) Line 24)	<u>360,500.00</u>	
2. Offset Receipts (Schedule A-1)	<u>0.00</u>	
3. Enterprise Funds (Schedule A-2)	<u>157,721.00</u>	
4. Community Preservation Funds (See Schedule A-4)	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL IIIb		<u>518,221.00</u>
IIIc. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes		
1. Free cash (page 4, col (c))	<u>92,500.00</u>	
2. Other available funds (page 4, col (d))	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL IIIc		<u>92,500.00</u>
IIId. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate		
1a. Free cash...appropriated on or before June 30, 2016	0.00	
1b. Free cash...appropriated on or after July 1, 2016	0.00	
2. Municipal light source	0.00	
3. Other source :	0.00	
TOTAL IIId		<u>0.00</u>
IIIe. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (Total IIIa through IIId)		<u>751,516.00</u>

IV. Summary of total amount to be raised and total receipts from all sources

a. Total amount to be raised (from Ile)	<u>5,395,335.27</u>
b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	<u>751,516.00</u>
c. Total real and personal property tax levy (from Ic)	<u>4,643,819.27</u>
d. Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc)	<u>5,395,335.27</u>

NOTE : The information was Approved on 11/28/2016

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION
Fiscal Year 2017

LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED *

Receipt Type Description	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal 2016	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal 2017
==> 1. MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	230,809.00	220,000.00
2. OTHER EXCISE		
==> a.Meals	20,465.00	19,500.00
==> b.Room	17,872.00	15,000.00
==> c.Other	7,770.00	5,000.00
==> 3. PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON TAXES AND EXCISES	38,385.00	30,000.00
==> 4. PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	0.00	0.00
5. CHARGES FOR SERVICES - WATER	0.00	0.00
6. CHARGES FOR SERVICES - SEWER	0.00	0.00
7. CHARGES FOR SERVICES - HOSPITAL	0.00	0.00
8. CHARGES FOR SERVICES - SOLID WASTE FEES	4,533.00	3,500.00
9. OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	0.00	0.00
10. FEES	0.00	0.00
11. RENTALS	28,160.00	25,500.00
12. DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - SCHOOLS	0.00	0.00
13. DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - LIBRARIES	0.00	0.00
14. DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - CEMETERIES	0.00	0.00
15. DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - RECREATION	0.00	0.00
16. OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	5,621.00	4,000.00
17. LICENSES AND PERMITS	49,581.00	35,000.00
18. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	0.00	0.00
==> 19. FINES AND FORFEITS	2,282.00	2,000.00
==> 20. INVESTMENT INCOME	1,170.00	1,000.00
==> 21. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT	0.00	0.00
==> 22. MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING (PLEASE SPECIFY)	0.00	0.00
23. MISCELLANEOUS NON-RECURRING (PLEASE SPECIFY)	0.00	0.00
24. Totals	406,648.00	360,500.00

I hereby certify that the actual receipts as shown in column (a) are, to the best of my knowledge correct and complete, and I further certify that I have examined the entries made on page 4 of the Fiscal 2017 tax rate recapitulation form by the City, Town or District Clerk and hereby acknowledge that such entries correctly reflect the appropriations made and the sources from which such appropriations are to be met.

Accounting Officer

I hereby certify that the actual receipts as shown in column (a) are, to the best of my knowledge correct and complete, and I further certify that I have examined the entries made on page 4 of the above-indicated fiscal year tax rate recapitulation form by the City / Town / District Clerk and hereby acknowledge that such entries correctly reflect the appropriations made and the sources from which such appropriations are to be met.

Elaine Markham, Accountant, West Stockbridge, accountant@weststockbridge-ma.gov 413-232-0317 | 11/18/2016 12:59 PM

Comment:

* Do not include receipts in columns (a) or (b) that were voted by the City / Town / District Council or Town Meeting as offset receipts on Schedule A-1, enterprise funds on Schedule A-2, or revolving funds on Schedule A-3. Written documentation should be submitted to support increases / decreases of estimated receipts to actual receipts.

==> Written documentation should be submitted to support increases/ decreases of FY 2017 estimated receipts to FY 2016 estimated receipts to be used in calculating the Municipal Revenue Growth Factor (MRGF).

NOTE : The information was Approved on 11/28/2016

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TAX RATE RECAPITULATION
Fiscal Year 2017

City/Town Council or Town Meeting Dates	FY*	APPROPRIATIONS							AUTHORIZATIONS	
									MEMO ONLY	
		(a) Total Appropriations Of Each Meeting	(b) ** From Raise and Appropriate	(c) From Free Cash (See B-1)	(d) From Other Available Funds (See B-2)	(e) From Offset Receipts (See A-1)	(f) From Enterprise Funds (See A-2)	(g) From Community Preservation Funds (See A-4)	(h) *** Revolving, Funds (See A-3)	(i) Borrowing Authorization (Other)
05/02/2016	2017	5,352,708.00	5,102,487.00	92,500.00	0.00	0.00	157,721.00	0.00	8,200.00	150,000.00
	Total	5,352,708.00	5,102,487.00	92,500.00	0.00	0.00	157,721.00	0.00		

* Enter the fiscal year to which the appropriation relates, i.e., fiscal year 2016 or fiscal 2017.

** Appropriations included in column (b) must not be reduced by local receipts or any other funding source.

Appropriations must be entered gross to avoid a duplication in the use of estimated or other sources of receipts.

*** Include only revolving funds pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2.

Clerk

I hereby certify that the appropriations correctly reflect the votes taken by City / Town / District Council.

Ronnie Barrett, Town Clerk , West Stockbridge , clerk@weststockbridge-ma.gov 413-232-0300 | 11/23/2016 11:14 AM

Comment: I hereby sign

NOTE : The information was Approved on 11/28/2016

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of West Stockbridge
Warrant for Annual Town Meeting*

BERKSHIRE: ss:

To any constable(s) of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Gymnasium of the town Offices at the Village School, 21 State Line Road in the Village of West Stockbridge, on Monday May 8, 2017 at ten o'clock in the morning for the purpose of bringing in their votes to the Election Officer(s) for the election of candidates for the following offices:

One Moderator for a term of one year.
One Member, Board of Selectmen for a term of three years.
One Member, Board of Assessors for a term of three years.
Two Members, Finance Committee for terms of three years each.
One Member, Planning Board for a term of five years.
One Member, Planning Board for a term of four years.
One Member, Board of Health for a term of three years.
One Member, Board of Library Trustees for a term of three years.
One Member, Cemetery Commission for a term of three years.
One Member, Tree Warden for a term of three years.
Five Members, Constable for a term of three years each.

The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the morning and will remain open continuously until seven o'clock in the evening of said day when they will then be closed.

All ballots shall be furnished by the Town and the election will be conducted according to the Australian System as enacted by the General Court and in conformity with the Election Laws of the Commonwealth.

You are further required in the name of the Commonwealth, to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at seven o'clock in the evening on Monday May 1, 2017 in the Village School gymnasium in the Village of West Stockbridge, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 01: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers or any Committee of the Town.

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Article 02: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to act as agents of the town in accordance with Section 2 Chapter 40 of MGL for the purpose of bringing suit or suits in the name of the Town and on its behalf, and to adjust, litigate, defend, compromise, settle, and execute any and all documents pursuant to any settlement on behalf of the Town for such amounts as the Selectmen shall determine in their decision to be proper and in the best interest of the Town, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Article 03: To see if the Town will vote to authorize any Board or Officer in charge of a department,

with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to sell any property of the Town which has become obsolete or is not required for further use by the respective department and which does not, in the opinion of the Selectmen, exceed \$500.00 in value, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Article 04: To see if the Town will vote to accept the Cemetery Perpetual Care funds received for the fiscal year 2017, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Article 05: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint any agents or committees of the town and give them authority or instructions, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Article 06: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint all non-elected Town Officers necessary or required to be chosen by the town, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Article 07: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to sell at public auction all or any of its property acquired by virtue of sale of non-payment of taxes, which have been confirmed by land court to the Tax Commissioner, and to give deeds therefore, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Article 08: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 17, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Article 09: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to seek and accept any grants and to further authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section(s) 6, 6A, and 8C and to issue notes therefore, payable within two years, and to renew any note or notes as may be given in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 17, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to require the Tax Collector, Deputy Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Treasurer to give bonds by some surety company and to raise and appropriate to pay for same, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, per MGL Chapter 30B, Section 16, to enter into negotiations with the owners the property known as the Card Lake Inn Parking Lot and further identified on Assessor's Map 104, Lot 065, for the purchase of said property for public use, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved with one no vote.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, per MGL Chapter 30B, Section 16, to dispose of Town property at public auction, located at 25 Great Barrington Road and further identified on Assessor's Map 404, Lot 17, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded. Marion Loring questioned buried oil tank on property, Town could be liable after sale, use land for Parks and Rec. MW explains Town Counsel advised no need to explore for existence of tank. Approved.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow the sum of \$183,000

for the purpose of purchasing a new model year Highway dump truck and snow removal equipment and to dispose of the current 2007 Volvo VHD42 plow truck to the highest responsible bidder, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded. GD corrects Town Report figure of 18300 to 183000.

Approved.

Article 14: The Town of West Stockbridge shall clean, stock & maintain the public bathrooms on Moscow Rd. on weekends and holidays from mid-May through Columbus Day weekend, when the bathrooms are used the most. Estimated cost: \$700. Based on: Time needed to clean bathrooms = .5 hrs/day; Days needed = 21 weekends plus 4 holidays = 46 days (May 14 through Oct. 10); Overtime labor rate = \$30/hr; If minimum labor time to be charged is 1 hour, the estimated cost will be \$1,400.

[NOTE: This article appears on the warrant via citizen petition.]

GD explains no funding source named so article cannot be acted as presented. Joe Roy and down town merchants are encouraged by this. Resubmit corrected version for STM in June. No action taken.

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of various elected Town Officers, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '18</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '17</u>
Selectmen (Chairman)	\$ 2,200	\$ 0	\$ 2,200
Selectmen (each, 2 members)	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Town Moderator	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Town Clerk	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Town Collector	\$ 17,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,500
Assessors (each, 3 members)	\$ 1,500	\$ 0	\$ 1,500

Motion made, seconded, correction on Collector, plus \$1500, approved.

General Government

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '18</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '17</u>
Town Counsel	\$ 18,000	\$ 0	\$ 18,000
Town Moderator	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Annual Town Audit	\$ 11,500	\$ 0	\$ 11,500
Administrative Asst. Salary	\$ 48,223	\$ 1,176	\$ 47,047
Admin. Asst. Longevity Allowance	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,150	\$ 0
Selectmen's Expenses	\$ 9,000	\$ 0	\$ 9,000
Selectmen's Salaries	\$ 6,200	\$ 0	\$ 6,200
Finance Committee	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Accountant's Expenses	\$ 1,050	\$ 0	\$ 1,050
Accountant's Salary	\$ 17,000	\$ 0	\$ 17,000
Accountant State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Assessor's Expenses	\$ 7,973	\$ 1,973	\$ 6,000
Assessor's Salaries	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
Assessors' Contracted Services	\$ 39,456	\$ 0	\$ 39,456
Treasurer's Expenses	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000

Article 16 (continued)

	<u>FY '18</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '17</u>
Treasurer's Salary	\$ 17,500	\$ 500	\$ 17,000
Treasurer State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Treas./Accnt. Software Support	\$ 3,400	\$ 300	\$ 3,100
Town Collector's Expenses	\$ 10,620	\$ 3,420	\$ 7,200
Town Collector's Salary	\$ 17,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 15,500
Town Collector State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Tax Title Expenses	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Cable TV	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Town Clerk's Expenses	\$ 2,500	\$ 0	\$ 2,500
Town Clerk's Salary	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Elections and Registrations	\$ 3,500	\$ 0	\$ 3,500
Preservation of Records	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Street List	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Conservation Commission	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Planning Board	\$ 3,125	\$ 0	\$ 3,125
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Town Insurance	\$ 69,010	\$ 2,010	\$ 67,000
Officers' Bonds	\$ 1,300	\$ 0	\$ 1,300
Town Reports	\$ 3,600	\$ 400	\$ 3,200
Town Website Annual Maint.	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,500
Computer/IT Services	\$ 8,500	\$ 0	\$ 8,500
Supt Bldgs&Grnds Salary/Benefits	\$ 41,474	\$ 1,012	\$ 40,462
Town Buildings Utilities	\$ 96,349	\$ 1,889	\$ 94,460
Town Buildings Supplies	\$ 7,800	\$ 0	\$ 7,800
Town Buildings Maint & Repairs	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Total General Government	\$504,980	\$16,680	\$488,300

Motion made, seconded. Carol Kuller questioned longevity allowance, Curt explained to encourage full time employees to stay. Also questioned Town Counsel amount. Mark explained money set aside used as needed. Approved.

Protection of Persons and Property

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, or take any other action in relation thereto: [Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '18</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '17</u>
Police Department Expenses	\$ 37,000	\$ 5,200	\$ 31,800
Police Department Salaries	\$264,470	\$31,174	\$233,296
Fire/EMT Services	\$ 36,500	\$ 7,820	\$ 28,680
Richmond Ambulance	\$ 3,500	\$ 0	\$ 3,500
EMT Incentive	\$ 1,500	\$ 0	\$ 1,500
Fireperson's Incentive	\$ 6,400	\$ 0	\$ 6,400
Communication Services	\$ 11,628	\$ 339	\$ 11,289
Building Inspector	\$ 9,061	\$ 221	\$ 8,840
Building Inspector Expenses	\$ 1,200	\$ 0	\$ 1,200
Emergency Management	\$ 600	\$ 0	\$ 600

Animal Control Officer	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Animal Control Officer Exp.	\$ 400	\$ 0	\$ 400
Tree Warden	\$ 16,000	\$ 0	\$ 16,000

Tot. Protection Persons & Property \$391,259 \$44,754 \$346,505

Motion made, seconded. Bill Biggs questioned increase in police salaries. MW explained there will be a second full time officer, that was previously approved at ATM. Approved.

Education

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,762,547 for the purpose of paying the FY 2018 operating assessment for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, *or take any other action in relation thereto.* (-\$111,634)

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

Motion made, seconded. Are there fewer students? Kristen Piasecki explained numbers down, state formula changed. Approved.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$106,676 for the purpose of paying the FY 2018 capital assessment for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, *or take any other action in relation thereto.* (-\$25,975)

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Public Works and Facilities

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, *or take any other action in relation thereto:* [Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '18</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '17</u>
Highway Office Expenses	\$ 600	\$ 0	\$ 600
Highway Professional Training	\$ 600	\$ 100	\$ 500
Uniform Allowance	\$ 1,300	\$ 100	\$ 1,200
Highways and Bridges	\$ 14,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,000
Highway Salaries	\$171,524	\$ 9,756	\$161,768
Highway Overtime	\$ 19,650	\$ 1,000	\$ 18,650
Contracted Longevity Pay	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 0
Gas and Diesel Fuel	\$ 30,000	\$ 0	\$ 30,000
Snow and Ice Removal	\$ 80,000	\$ 0	\$ 80,000
Highway Construction	\$ 55,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 50,000
Culverts and Guardrails	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 6,000
Machinery Maintenance	\$ 30,000	\$ 0	\$ 30,000
Highway Line Painting	\$ 14,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,000
Street Lights	\$ 16,536	\$ 0	\$ 16,536
Solid Waste Transfer Station	\$ 97,500	\$ 9,750	\$ 87,750
Hazardous Waste Disposal	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Cemetery Department	\$ 22,000	\$ 0	\$ 22,000
Cemetery Tree Removal	\$ 7,000	\$ 0	\$ 7,000
Mill & Card Pond Weed Removal	\$ 12,500	\$ 600	\$ 12,400
Group Purchasing	\$ 600	\$ 0	\$ 600
Total Public Works & Facilities	<u>\$587,310</u>	<u>\$31,306</u>	<u>\$556,004</u>

Motion made, seconded. Question regarding increase in transfer station. MW explained transition from Mr. Pixley ongoing, timing of pick-ups when full still learning. Wayne Cooper asked for everyone to have better practices. Marion Loring reviewed tree removal \$\$ not going to cemetery. Mary McClelland questioned highway increase, Curt explained. Approved.

Human Services

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, or take any other action in relation thereto:

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '18</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '17</u>
Health & Sanitation	\$ 4,500	\$ (300)	\$ 4,800
Health & Sanitation Agent	\$ 12,250	\$ 300	\$ 11,950
Community Health	\$ 25,250	\$ 250	\$ 25,000
Berkshire Mental Health	\$ 320	\$ 0	\$ 320
Council on Aging	\$ 10,800	\$ 0	\$ 10,800
Veteran's Benefits	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
American Legion/Memorial Day	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Total Human Services	\$ 65,120	\$ 250	\$ 64,870

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Culture and Recreation

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, or take any other action in relation thereto:

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '18</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '17</u>
Library	\$ 37,056	\$ 0	\$ 37,056
Parks and Recreation	\$ 13,785	\$ (125)	\$ 13,910
Historical Commission	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200

Total Culture and Recreation \$ 51,041 \$ (-125) \$ 51,166

Motion made, seconded. Carol Kuller asked for money for playground. MW explained no. Approved.

Debt and Interest

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, or take any other action in relation thereto:

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '18</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '17</u>
Interest Long Term Debt	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Village School Conversion	\$ 150,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 125,000

Fire Truck & Departmental

Equipment Loan	\$ 48,726	\$ 5,327	\$ 43,399
Highway Truck	\$ 0	\$(34,850)	\$ 34,850
Sewer Expansion Debt	\$ 39,131	\$ (3,955)	\$ 43,086
Highway Loader	\$ 29,366	\$ 43	\$ 29,323

Total Debt & Interest	\$272,223	\$ (8,435)	\$280,658
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Motion made, seconded. Mary McClelland questioned increase in conversion, MW explained. Approved.

Intergovernmental Expenses

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, or take any other action in relation thereto:

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '18</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '17</u>
Veterans District	\$ 5,621	\$ 244	\$ 5,377

Total Intergovernmental Expenses	\$ 5,621	\$ 244	\$ 5,377
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Motion made, seconded, approved.

Unclassified Expenses

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, or take any other action in relation thereto:

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '18</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '17</u>
Berkshire County Retirement	\$101,187	\$ 9,887	\$ 91,300
Health Insurance	\$181,674	\$ 0	\$181,674
Medicare & FICA Tax	\$ 8,500	\$ 0	\$ 8,500
Reserve Fund	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	\$ 20,000
Conservation Trust	\$ 300	\$ 0	\$ 300
Insurance Trust	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000

Total Unclassified Expenses	\$312,661	\$ 9,887	\$302,774
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Motion made, seconded, approved.

Special Articles

[The following articles have been approved by the Finance Committee.]

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$14,500 and appropriate the same amount to the FY 2018 Debt Service Account, or take any other action in relation thereto. (-\$3,000)

[**Note:** This appropriation, when combined with (the preceding) Article 23 appropriation of \$150,000, would fund the FY 2018 Village School/Town Offices Conversion debt service of \$164,500.]

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$25,000 and appropriate the same amount to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$25,000 and appropriate the same amount to the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of conducting a State mandated Emergency Action Plan update for the Shaker Mill Dam, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$7,500 for the purpose of cleaning up and removing dilapidated structures at Town owned property, located at 25 Great Barrington Road and further identified on Assessor's Map 404, Lot 17, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Article 31 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$9,500 for the purpose of making repairs to the Town's wastewater treatment plant roof, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of repairing the roofs of two buildings at the West Stockbridge Cemetery, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded. Marion Loring complained about cost when work should have been done earlier. Approved.

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$7,000 for the purpose of purchasing and installing computers in the Town's two police cruisers, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Sewer and Water

[Following articles have been approved by the Finance Committee]

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$83,400 for the purpose of funding the Sewer Department Operation and Maintenance Budget to be offset, in full, by user receipts *or take any other action in relation thereto.* (+15,935)

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$ 47,800 for the purpose of funding the Water Department Operation and Maintenance Budget to be offset, in full, by user receipts *or take any other action in relation thereto.* (+830)

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$41,245 for the purpose of Water Department Capital Costs to be offset, in full, by user receipts *or take any other action in relation thereto.* (\$0)

Motion made, seconded, approved.

Revolving Funds

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revolving Account, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 53 1/2E, for the following inspectors, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '18</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '17</u>
Cemetery Commissioners	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Emergency Alarm Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Gas Inspector	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Plumbing Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500

Wire Inspector	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Oil Burner Inspector	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Title V Inspector	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Parks and Recreation Fees	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500

<i>Total Revolving Fund</i>	<u>\$ 8,200</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$ 8,200</u>
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Motion made, seconded. GD corrected referenced MGL, motion made to amend, seconded. Approved.

Article 38: To do and transact any other business necessary to be done by the Town.

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, approved.

Given under our hands this 10th day of April 2017.

West Stockbridge Board of Selectmen

Curt Wilton, *Chair*

Earl Moffatt

Peter Skorput

I hereby certify that I have posted and attested copies of this warrant at the Post Office at West Stockbridge, at State Line, West Center, Williamsville, and High Street as directed by vote of the Town of West Stockbridge.

Attested: _____, Constable

Date: _____

Certified: May 8, 2017

Town Clerk: Veronica Barnett

***Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of West Stockbridge
Warrant for Special Town Meeting***

BERKSHIRE: ss:

To any constable(s) of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at seven o'clock in the evening on Monday, June 26, 2017 in the Village School/Town Offices, 21 State Line Road, in the Village of West Stockbridge then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,645 from Certified Sewer Fund Available Surplus and transfer the same amount to the FY 2017 Sewer Operations Account, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: The Board of Sewer and Water Commission has approved this article.]

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from Certified Water Fund Available Surplus and transfer the same amount to the FY 2017 Water Operations Account, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: The Board of Sewer and Water Commission has approved this article.]

Article 3: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,592 from available Free Cash for the purpose of hiring professional services for the codification of the Town's General Bylaws, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 4: To do and transact any other business to be done by the Town.

Given under our hands this 12th day of June, 2017.

Peter Skorput, Chair _____

Curt Wilton Curt Wilton

Bernie Fallon Bernie Fallon

West Stockbridge Board of Selectmen.

I certify that I have posted true and attested copies of this warrant at the Post Office at West Stockbridge, at State Line, West Center, Williamsville, and High Street as directed by vote of the Town of West Stockbridge.

Attested: [Signature] Constable

Date: 6/12/2017

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of West Stockbridge
Warrant for Annual Town Meeting*

BERKSHIRE: ss:

To any constable(s) of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Gymnasium of the town Offices at the Village School, 21 State Line Road in the Village of West Stockbridge, on Monday May 14, 2018 at ten o'clock in the morning for the purpose of bringing in their votes to the Election Officer(s) for the election of candidates for the following offices:

- One Moderator for a term of one year.
- One Member, Board of Selectmen for a term of three years.
- One Member, Board of Assessors for a term of three years.
- Two Members, Finance Committee for terms of three years each.
- One Member, Planning Board for a term of five years.
- One Member, Planning Board for a term of three years.
- One Member, Board of Health for a term of three years.
- One Member, Board of Library Trustees for a term of three years.
- One Member, Board of Library Trustees for a term of one year.
- One Member, Cemetery Commission for a term of three years.

The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the morning and will remain open continuously until seven o'clock in the evening of said day when they will then be closed.

All ballots shall be furnished by the Town and the election will be conducted according to the Australian System as enacted by the General Court and in conformity with the Election Laws of the Commonwealth.

You are further required in the name of the Commonwealth, to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at seven o'clock in the evening on Monday May 7, 2018 in the Village School gymnasium in the Village of West Stockbridge, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 01: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers or any Committee of the Town.

Article 02: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to act as agents of the town in accordance with Section 2 Chapter 40 of MGL for the purpose of bringing suit or suits in the name of the Town and on its behalf, and to adjust, litigate, defend, compromise, settle, and execute any and all documents pursuant to any settlement on behalf of the Town for such amounts as the Selectmen shall determine in their decision to be proper and in the best interest of the Town, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 03: To see if the Town will vote to authorize any Board or Officer in charge of a department, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to sell any property of the Town which has become obsolete or is not required for further use by the respective department and which does not, in the opinion of the Selectmen, exceed \$500.00 in value, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 04: To see if the Town will vote to accept the Cemetery Perpetual Care funds received for the fiscal year 2017, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 05: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint any agents or committees of the town and give them authority or instructions, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 06: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint all non-elected Town Officers necessary or required to be chosen by the town, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 07: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to sell at public auction all or any of its property acquired by virtue of sale of non-payment of taxes, which have been confirmed by land court to the Tax Commissioner, and to give deeds therefor, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 08: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 17, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 09: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to seek and accept any grants and to further authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section(s) 6, 6A, and 8C and to issue notes therefor, payable within two years, and to renew any note or notes as may be given in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 17, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

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Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to require the Tax Collector, Deputy Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Treasurer to give bonds by some surety company and to raise and appropriate to pay for same, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 11: Discontinuance of Orchard Street. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue Orchard Street, commencing at South Street, to where South Street meets the south line of Hotel Street, as a public way, as shown on the attached sketch plan, on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to release all right, title and interest held by the Town in said discontinued roadway on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, which may be nominal consideration, as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: Descriptive map showing the area of Orchard Street appears at the end of this Annual Town Meeting warrant.]

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

[This article was referred to and approved by the Planning Board at their March 26, 2018 regular meeting.]

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a parcel of land located off Orchard Street (Map 104, Parcel 71), conveyed to the Inhabitants of the Town of West Stockbridge by deed recorded on April 7, 1879 in Book 150, Page 300 by Henry W. Snow, to the current owners of the surrounding land, Franklin V. Sears and Noel Fransella for no consideration, as it would constitute a transfer and not a sale *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

NOTE: This article appears on the warrant via citizen petition.

Explanatory notation:

The land is described as *"...a parcel of land in West Stockbridge situated easterly of my barn, being the spot where the hearse house and lock up buildings of said town now stand, being 36 feet in length from east to west and 22 feet in width north to south, and is bounded northerly on the south line of the Lane running east from my barn, east by the eastside or edge of the hearse house and south and west by my other premises, and also the right of way and passage to and from said parcel of land and buildings by the lane to the highway for men and teams and of access to the same at all times and on all sides thereof to repair, protect, improve or remove said buildings as said grantees shall have occasion, and also a privilege at the brook, just east of the hearse house for water for use on said premises."*

The current Board of Assessors have no record of the Town owning this property. Presumably, the hearse house and lock up buildings were removed more than 100 years ago, but there is no record of the town re-conveying the land back to the owners of the surrounding land. The current owners of the land want to clear the title of this small, 36' x 22' piece of land because it is not certain where on their land it is actually located and they want to subdivide the parcel between the two owners.

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of various elected Town Officers, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '19</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '18</u>
Selectmen (Chairman)	\$ 2,200	\$ 0	\$ 2,200
Selectmen (each, 2 members)	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Town Moderator	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Town Clerk	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Town Collector	\$ 17,500	\$ 500	\$ 17,000
Assessors (each, 3 members)	\$ 1,500	\$ 0	\$ 1,500

General Government

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '19</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '18</u>
Town Counsel	\$ 18,000	\$ 0	\$ 18,000
Town Moderator	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Annual Town Audit	\$ 11,500	\$ 0	\$ 11,500
Administrative Asst. Salary	\$ 62,000	\$13,777	\$ 48,223
Admin. Asst. Longevity Allowance	\$ 1,500	\$ 0	\$ 1,500
Selectmen's Expenses	\$ 9,000	\$ 0	\$ 9,000
Selectmen's Salaries	\$ 6,200	\$ 0	\$ 6,200
Finance Committee	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Accountant's Expenses	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,050
Accountant's Salary	\$ 17,000	\$ 0	\$ 17,000
Accountant State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Assessor's Expenses	\$ 8,900	\$ 927	\$ 7,973
Assessor's Salaries	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
Assessors' Contracted Services	\$ 40,048	\$ 592	\$ 39,456
Treasurer's Expenses	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Treasurer's Salary	\$ 17,500	\$ 0	\$ 17,500
Treasurer State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Treas./Acct. Software Support	\$ 4,672	\$ 1,272	\$ 3,400
Town Collector's Expenses	\$ 12,250	\$ 1,630	\$ 10,620
Town Collector's Salary	\$ 17,500	\$ 500	\$ 17,000
Town Collector State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Tax Title Expenses	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000
Cable TV	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Town Clerk's Expenses	\$ 2,500	\$ 0	\$ 2,500
Town Clerk's Salary	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Elections and Registrations	\$ 4,000	\$ 500	\$ 3,500
Preservation of Records	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Street List	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Conservation Commission	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Planning Board	\$ 3,125	\$ 0	\$ 3,125

	<u>FY '19</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '18</u>
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Town Insurance	\$ 71,080	\$ 2,070	\$ 69,010
Officers' Bonds	\$ 1,300	\$ 0	\$ 1,300
Town Reports	\$ 3,600	\$ 400	\$ 3,200
Town Website Annual Maint.	\$ 3,500	\$ 0	\$ 3,500
Computer/IT Services	\$ 8,500	\$ 0	\$ 8,500
Town Buildings Utilities	\$ 97,794	\$ 1,445	\$ 96,349
Town Buildings Supplies	\$ 7,800	\$ 0	\$ 7,800
Town Buildings Maint & Repairs	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 15,000
Total General Government	\$493,570	\$30,063	\$463,506

Protection of Persons and Property

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, or take any other action in relation thereto: [Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '19</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '18</u>
Police Department Expenses	\$ 38,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 37,000
Police Department Salaries	\$280,326	\$15,856	\$264,470
Fire/EMT Services	\$ 36,500	\$ 0	\$ 36,500
Richmond Ambulance	\$ 3,500	\$ 0	\$ 3,500
EMT Incentive	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Fireperson's Incentive	\$ 6,400	\$ 0	\$ 6,400
Communication Services	\$ 11,997	\$ 349	\$ 11,628
Building Inspector	\$ 9,242	\$ 181	\$ 9,061
Building Inspector Expenses	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Emergency Management	\$ 600	\$ 0	\$ 600
Animal Control Officer	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Animal Control Officer Exp.	\$ 400	\$ 0	\$ 400
Tree Warden	\$ 16,000	\$ 0	\$ 16,000
Tot. Protection Persons & Property	\$411,345	\$20,087	\$391,259

Education

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,735,964 for the purpose of paying the FY 2019 operating assessment for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District or take any other action in relation thereto. (-\$26,583)

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$123,972 for the purpose of paying the FY 2019 capital assessment for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, or take any other action in relation thereto. (+\$17,296)

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

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Public Works and Facilities

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, or take any other action in relation thereto:

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '19</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '18</u>
Highway Office Expenses	\$ 600	\$ 0	\$ 600
Highway Professional Training	\$ 600	\$ 0	\$ 600
Uniform Allowance	\$ 1,400	\$ 100	\$ 1,300
Highways and Bridges	\$ 14,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,000
Highway Salaries	\$223,300	\$10,302	\$212,998
Highway Overtime	\$ 20,650	\$ 1,000	\$ 19,650
Contracted Longevity Pay	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
Gas and Diesel Fuel	\$ 30,000	\$ 0	\$ 30,000
Snow and Ice Removal	\$ 80,000	\$ 0	\$ 80,000
Highway Construction	\$ 55,000	\$ 0	\$ 55,000
Culverts and Guardrails	\$ 7,000	\$ 0	\$ 7,000
Machinery Maintenance	\$ 30,000	\$ 0	\$ 30,000
Highway Line Painting	\$ 14,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,000
Street Lights	\$ 16,536	\$ 0	\$ 16,536
Solid Waste Transfer Station	\$ 99,450	\$ 1,950	\$ 97,500
Hazardous Waste Disposal	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Cemetery Department	\$ 22,000	\$ 0	\$ 22,000
Cemetery Tree Removal	\$ 7,000	\$ 0	\$ 7,000
Mill & Card Pond Weed Removal	\$ 12,500	\$ 0	\$ 12,500
Group Purchasing	\$ 600	\$ 0	\$ 600
Total Public Works & Facilities	\$642,136	\$13,352	\$628,784

Human Services

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, or take any other action in relation thereto:

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '19</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '18</u>
Health & Sanitation	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
Health & Sanitation Agent	\$ 12,556	\$ 306	\$ 12,250
Community Health	\$ 25,500	\$ 250	\$ 25,250
Berkshire Mental Health	\$ 320	\$ 0	\$ 320
Council on Aging	\$ 15,000	\$ 4,200	\$ 10,800
Veteran's Benefits	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
American Legion/Memorial Day	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Total Human Services	\$ 69,876	\$ 4,756	\$ 65,120

Culture and Recreation

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, or take any other action in relation thereto:

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '19</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '18</u>
Library	\$ 38,576	\$ 1,520	\$ 37,056
Parks and Recreation	\$ 13,785	\$ (1,500)	\$ 12,285
Historical Commission	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Total Culture and Recreation	\$ 51,061	\$ 20	\$ 51,041

Debt and Interest

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, or take any other action in relation thereto:

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '19</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '18</u>
Interest Long Term Debt	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Village School Conversion	\$ 156,500	\$ 6,500	\$150,000
Fire Truck & Departmental			
Equipment Loan	\$ 74,843	\$ (3,249)	\$ 78,092
Highway Truck	\$ 26,180	\$ 26,180	\$ 0
Sewer Expansion Debt	\$ 38,693	\$ (438)	\$ 39,131
Total Debt & Interest	\$301,216	\$ 28,993	\$272,223

Intergovernmental Expenses

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, or take any other action in relation thereto:

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '19</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '18</u>
Veterans District	\$ 5,718	\$ 97	\$ 5,621
Total Intergovernmental Expenses	\$ 5,718	\$ 97	\$ 5,621

Unclassified Expenses

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, or take any other action in relation thereto:

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '19</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '18</u>
Berkshire County Retirement	\$105,073	\$ 3,886	\$101,187

	<u>FY '19</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '18</u>
Health Insurance	\$181,674	\$ 0	\$181,674
Medicare & FICA Tax	\$ 8,500	\$ 0	\$ 8,500
Reserve Fund	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	\$ 20,000
Conservation Trust	\$ 300	\$ 0	\$ 300
Insurance Trust	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Total Unclassified Expenses	<u>\$316,547</u>	<u>\$ 3,886</u>	<u>\$312,661</u>

Special Articles

[The following articles have been approved by the Finance Committee.]

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$70,000 for the purpose of supplementing FY 2019 Chapter 90 Highway Funding for the purpose of completing the final phase Great Barrington Road reconstruction/resurfacing project, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: The intent of this appropriation is to add available Town funds to our annual State highway funding to provide for the completion of the final segment of the Gt. Barrington Rd. paving project.]

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$35,000 and appropriate the same amount to the Stabilization Fund, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$35,000 and appropriate the same amount to the Capital Stabilization Fund, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new model Police Cruiser, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$35,000 for the purpose of removing the dilapidated playground structures at the Village School/Town Offices complex and install new playground structures, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$35,000 for the purpose of making general repairs to the Fire Station/Highway Garage building, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of authorizing the Board of Selectmen to acquire and execute all necessary documents associated with the purchase of approximately 2.02 acres of land adjacent to Moscow Road which currently houses the Town owned public restroom, sewer treatment pump station, parking area and residential driveways, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: This property is currently owned by National Grid and is further described on the attached survey dated April 5, 2018.]

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$2,100 for the purpose of purchasing an on-line "E-Permit" system to facilitate electrical, building and plumbing permitting, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available free cash the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of constructing a 'Swap Shop' building to be located at the Transfer Station, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Sewer and Water

[The following articles have been approved by the Finance Committee]

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$88,000 for the purpose of funding the FY 2019 Sewer Department Operation and Maintenance Budget to be offset, in full, by user receipts *or take any other action in relation thereto.* (+4,600)

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$ 51,000-for the purpose of funding the FY 2019 Water Department Operation and Maintenance Budget to be offset, in full, by user receipts *or take any other action in relation thereto.* (+3,200)

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$44,392 for the purpose of FY 2019 Water Department Capital Costs to be offset, in full, by user receipts *or take any other action in relation thereto.* (+\$3,147)

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified sewer fund retained earnings the sum of \$46,809 for the purpose of funding the required Town share of the recent USDA/RD sewer extension project, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Revolving Funds

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revolving Account, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 53 1/2E, for the following inspectors, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY '19</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '18</u>
Cemetery Commissioners	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Emergency Alarm Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Gas Inspector	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Plumbing Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Wire Inspector	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Oil Burner Inspector	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Title V Inspector	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Parks and Recreation Fees	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Total Revolving Fund	\$ 8,200	\$0	\$ 8,200

Article 38: To do and transact any other business necessary to be done by the Town.

Given under our hands this 16th day of April 2018.

West Stockbridge Board of Selectmen

Peter Skorput, *Chair*

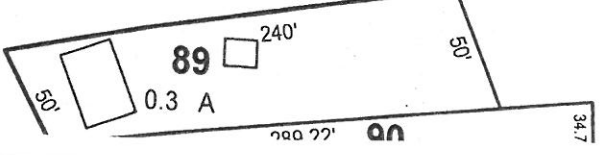
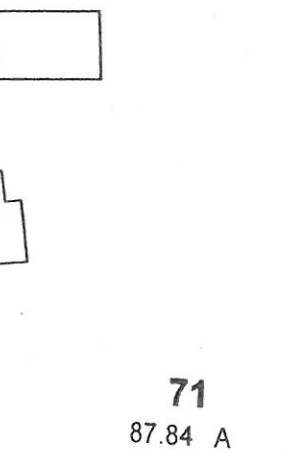
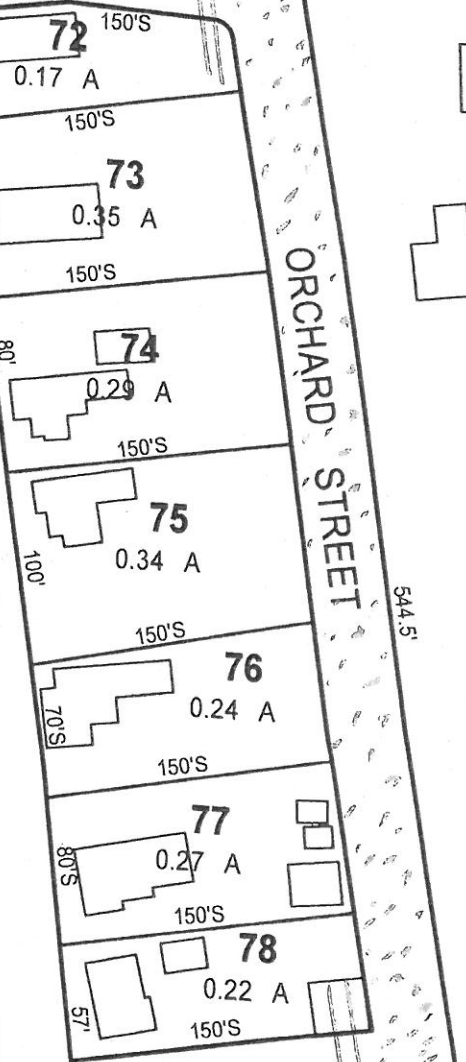
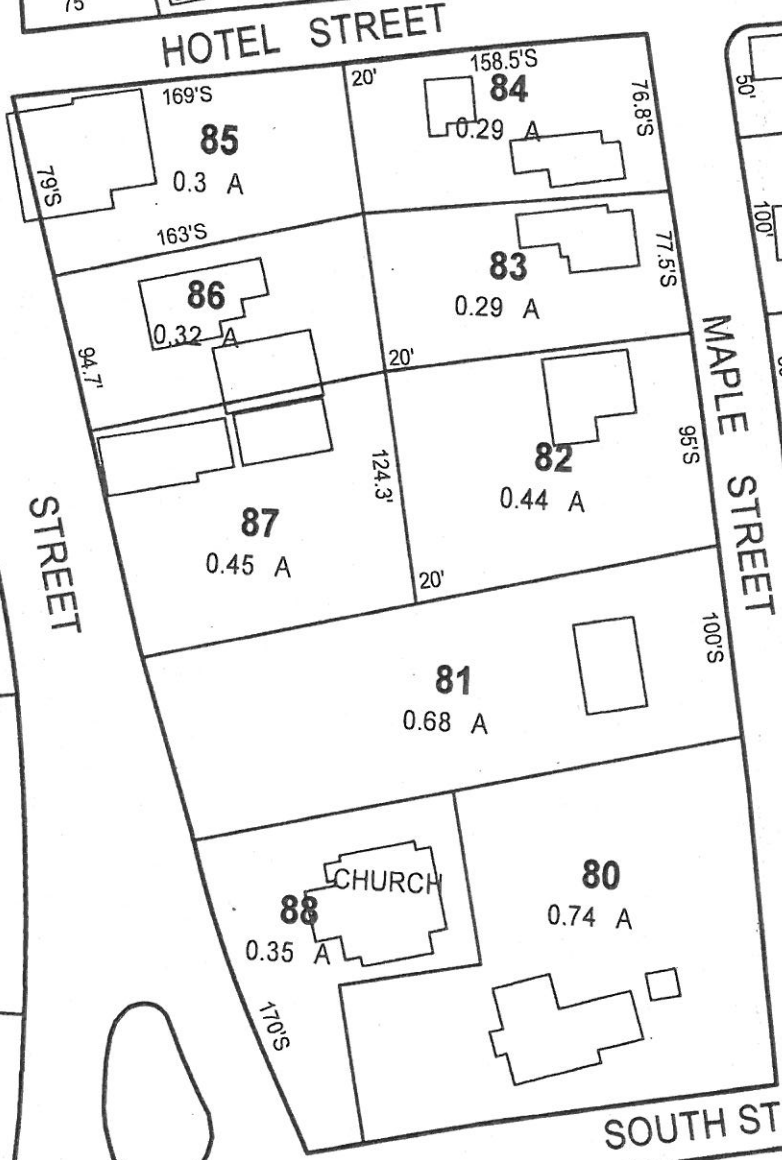
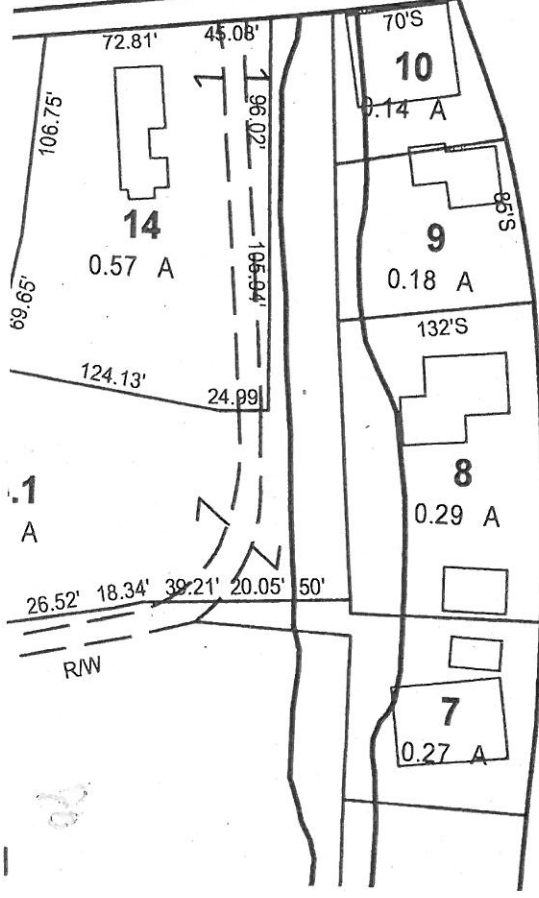
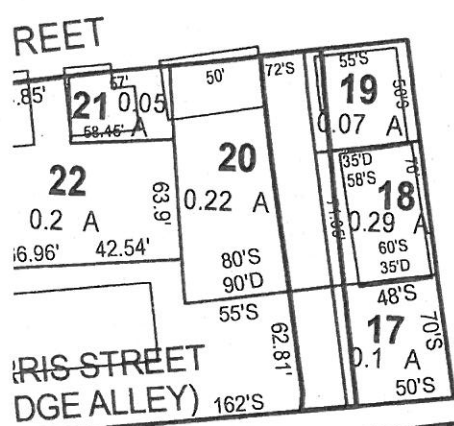
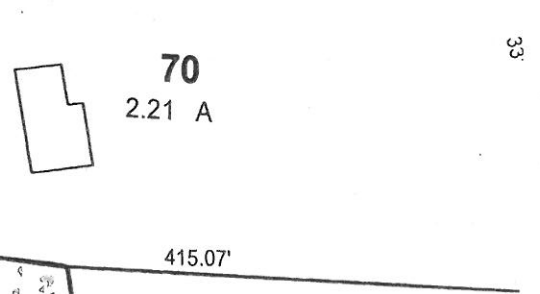
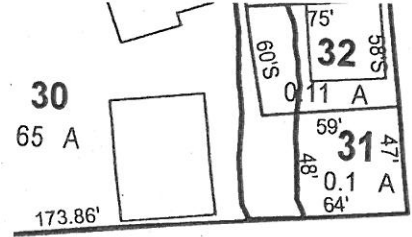
Curt Wilton

Bernie Fallon

I hereby certify that I have posted and attested copies of this warrant at the Post Office at West Stockbridge, at State Line, West Center, Williamsville, and High Street as directed by vote of the Town of West Stockbridge.

Attested: _____, Constable

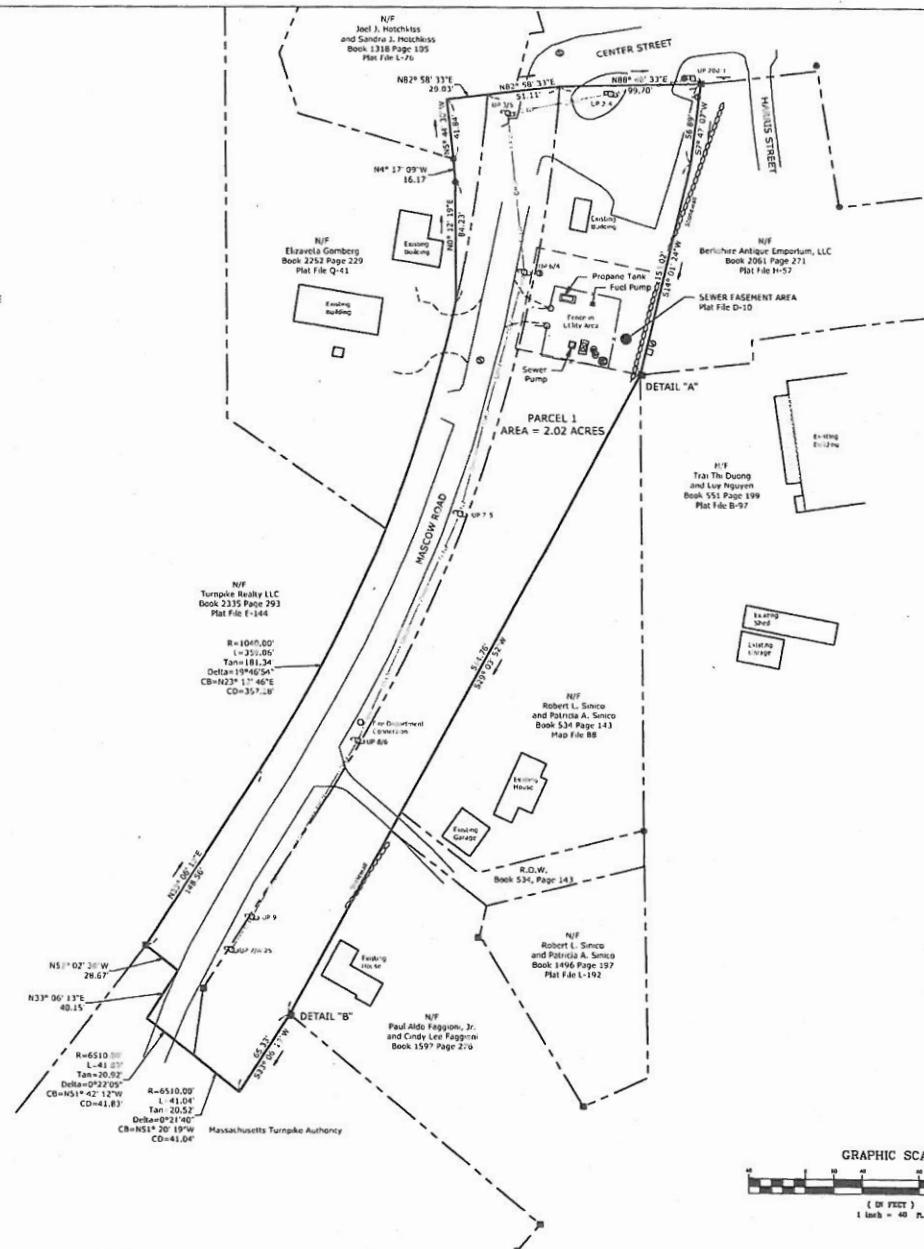
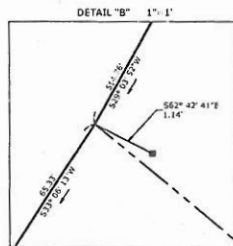
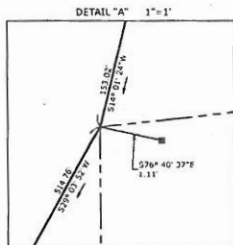
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- EDGE OF ASPHALT
- EDGE OF GRAVEL
- FENCE
- STONEWALL
- OVER HEAD WIRE
- PROPERTY LINE
- ADJUTERS PROPERTY LINE



I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN SHOWS THE PROPERTY LINES THAT ARE THE LINES OF EXISTING OWNERSHIPS, AND THE LINES OF STREETS AND WAYS SHOWN ARE THOSE OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE STREETS OR WAYS ALREADY ESTABLISHED, AND THAT NO NEW LINES FOR DIVISION OF EXISTING OWNERSHIPS OR FOR NEW WAYS ARE SHOWN.

THIS CERTIFICATION IS INTENDED TO MEET REGISTRY OF DEEDS REQUIREMENTS AND IS NOT A CERTIFICATION TO THE TITLE OR OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY SHOWN OWNERS OF ADJOINING PROPERTIES ARE SHOWN ACCORDING TO CURRENT MUNICIPAL ASSESSOR'S RECORDS, AND/OR REFERENCES IN LOCUS DEED.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN HAS BEEN PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE REGISTERS OF DEEDS.



GENERAL NOTES

1. This Plan of Land is intended solely to represent the boundary lines of the subject property.
2. Unless otherwise noted herein, this survey plan shall not be construed as depicting the precise, accurate, or limits of any or all regulated wetlands or floodplains. Any surface water features shown, such as streams or ponds, are not represented as indicating limits of wetland resource areas.
3. No other permits, approvals, uses, site conditions or suitability are expressed or implied hereby, either directly or by omission.
4. All parcels are subject to and with the benefit of all rights, restrictions, conditions, easements, leases, encumbrances and appurtenances of record.
5. Endorsement does not imply compliance with Wetlands Protection Act or zoning.
6. Horizontal Datum is based upon Mean Highway Layout 8450 "1955".

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